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30 Auto Workers Collect 2,200 Peace Signatures

By Betty Thomas

DETROIT, May 18. — A group of 30 workers at the Plymouth auto plant collected 2,200 names in the last few weeks on petitions to ban the atombomb, it was reported here.

James Covington, one of the workers, got 34 petitions (15 names to each petition) filled in one day among members of Plymouth Local 51. He accomplished this job because he felt, he said, that "winning the peace is just as important as people getting aid when they aren't working."

Eugene Anthony, a member of the Peace Committee and of the Local 51 Welfare Committee, said, "This is just the beginning. The committee is growing and plans

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to carry on broader activity this summer. We are going to have Peace picnics, and we plan a sports program around peace."

There are three young women on the Plymouth Peace Committee, and the job they are doing is tremendous. These women have brought to the attention of the committee the contributions that can be made by the women on the question of peace, jobs, and security. They are also carrying on a fight for the rights of the Negro workers, as the whole committee is doing. The committee is made up of Negro and white workers.

The Plymouth peace workers attended a meeting held by the Labor Peace Committee at which Ernest Goodman, Detroit labor lawyer, described his recent trip to Germany. The meeting discussed sending peace delegations to Washington, as well as a plan for a state-wide Labor Peace Committee.

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FUR UNIONISTS SIGN PETITION TO BAN H-BOMB



MEMBERS OF THE JOINT BOARD of Fur Dressers and Dyers shown at union headquarters during lunch hour as they signed petition to ban the H-Bomb, sponsored by the National Labor Peace Conference. At left, watching, is Henry Foner, Joint Board education director. —Daily Worker photo by Peter

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School Board Flees Protest On Case of 8

By Louise Mitchell

In violation of the state education law, the Board of Education yesterday created a position of special consultant to permit an "outsider" to serve as trial examiner for eight suspended teachers. The meeting, which was the most tumultuous in Board history broke up without adjournment and Board members and Superintendent of Schools William Jansen fled from the auditorium.

Although no voice vote or secret vote on the resolution was taken at the meeting, Board president Maximilian Moss claimed at a press conference afterwards that the vote for the resolution was seven to zero, with member Charles Bensley not voting. Member James Marshall is at present in Europe.

Although the State Legislature at its last session rejected a similar Board amendment, the Board arbitrarily went ahead with its action yesterday. The legality of the Board's move was challenged immediately at the meeting by counsel for the Teachers Union, Nathan Witt and Harold Cammer. They said the resolution was an "evasion" of the law and would be challenged in the courts.

While teachers have only been granted \$150-\$250 yearly increases in the 1950-51 budget, the special consul-

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House Unit Dooms Rent Lids In Deal with Landlord Lobby

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A hidden death sentence for rent controls was handed down today by the House Banking Committee as the result of a deal worked out by Truman Democrats and the powerful real estate lobby. By a 13 to 4 vote, the Banking Committee approved the Spence Bill, advanced by Rep. Brent Spence (D-Ky), its chairman. The bill calls for the end of rent controls on Dec. 31 in all cities and defense housing areas that do not vote to extend controls until June 20, 1951.

ACW Parley Hears Plea to Organize South

By Elmer O. Fehlhaber

CLEVELAND, May 18.—A southern delegate to the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers' convention highlighted today's session with an impassioned plea for the union to "invade the south and bring an end to wage slavery."

The speaker was Mrs. Isabelle Jones of Atlanta, Ga., who expressed the fear of southern workers that lack of government appropriations for policing of the 75-cent minimum wage would result in wholesale evasions of the law.

In her call to lift the wage standards of the south, she drew the hearty backing of the northern delegates whose jobs are threatened by the low wage rates below the Mason and Dixon line.

President Jacob Potofsky pledged that "we are going to march through the south and organize these sweat shops."

Mrs. Jones was one of several speakers from the south, all of them white. Not a word was said of the economic improvement of the Negro people nor of plans to bring them within the union.

Earlier the convention heard Herbert E. Lehman (D-NY) admit that if expenditures for the cold war are discontinued the economy of the country would be plunged into a grave crisis.

"I am afraid that this prospect (of a floating pool of unemployed) is slowly becoming a reality," Lehman said.

"It is not coming dramatically. If it were it would be easier to deal with. It is coming slowly, creeping upon us stealthily, a little at a time."

Unanimous approval was given to resolutions calling for the following:

Easing of restrictions on immigration; support for the organization for rehabilitation through training for displaced Jews; \$1 an hour minimum wage law; a comprehensive federal health insurance plan; the United Nations convention against genocide; priority to work of the CIO Political Action Committee, and the registration of communists.

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This feature has given Spence and other Administration supporters an opportunity to declare the bill continues controls for another year. But it was drawn up by the real estate lobby and pushed by members of the committee to permit the killing of controls after the November elections.

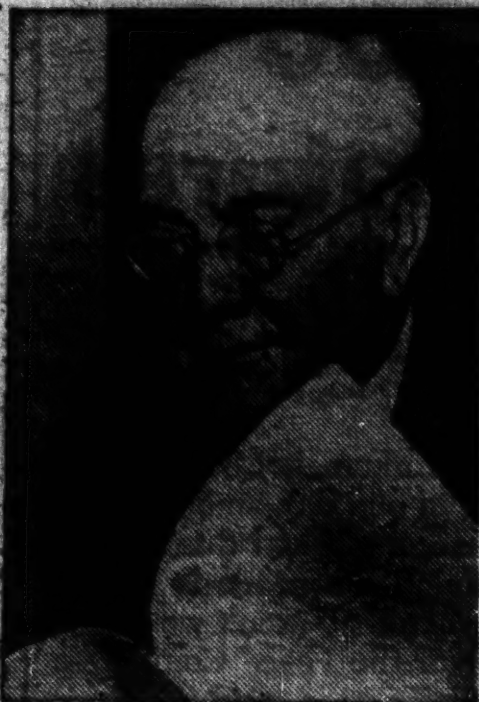
Republican congressmen, ordinarily opposed to controls, went along with the Administration deal. The real estate lobby figures its pressure on local government units to kill controls will be effective once the new law is passed.

Little opposition to the Spence bill was predicted in the House and Senate. Chairman Burnet Maybank (D-SC) of the Senate

Banking Committee postponed action by his group on a bill extending controls for a year until the House body could act.

President Truman, in a special message to Congress April 21, urged extension of controls until June 30, 1951. A few days later the real estate lobby deal was announced by Spence.

Under Spence's measure, governors of states will no longer be permitted to veto decisions to remove controls from areas within the states.



SPENCE
His Scheme

Need 6 More Votes to End FEPC Filibuster Today

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The fight to end the Senate filibuster against FEPC tomorrow (Friday) is still shy of six votes, it was revealed today by Roy Wilkins, administrative secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. A total of 58 Senators had indicated their support for the cloture petition filed by Senate Majority leader Scott Lucas (D-III) by this afternoon, Wilkins said. At least 64 votes are needed to close debate.

Wilkins indicated that at least five administration adherents, mostly from the West, have not made their position known. Contrasted with Wilkins' estimate, another poll taken by Senate observers showed only 50 Senators supporting Lucas' petition.

At least 12 Senators, including some administration stalwarts like Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla) will be absent tomorrow. These absentees, in effect, amount to negative votes.

While Wilkins declined direct comment on whether the White House was putting any heat on, (Continued on Page 9)

New 'Probe' of Non-Citizens

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has suddenly revived the cases of many non-citizens who applied for citizenship years ago, and is calling these non-citizens in for additional questioning. It was announced yesterday by Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

"Most of the non-citizens live in New York City and vicinity and are members of progressive organizations," Green stated. "From reports received from non-citizens who have been questioned already, the Immigration and Naturalization Service is trying to intimidate non-citizens into serving as stool pigeons against their friends and relatives."

"We urge every non-citizen who received any kind of notice to appear at the Immigration and Naturalization Service to consult an attorney or an organization before they answer the notice. Non-citizens may consult our organization at 23 West 26th St., Murray Hill 4-9457."

Senate Hearing June 1 on Draft Bill

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Senate hearings on extension of the draft law will begin June 1, Sen. Millard Tydings (D-Md) announced today. Proponents of the measure, including Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson and the joint chiefs of staff, will be heard first. Opposition witnesses will follow.

The House is scheduled to vote on the draft extension bill next week.

Top Court in Florida Dooms 2 Negro Vets

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 18. The white supremacist Florida State Supreme Court today upheld the death sentence for two young Negro war veterans, who had been convicted last July on the frameup of "rape" of a white woman near Groveland, Fla.

The frameup of Walter Irvin, 22, and Samuel Shepherd, 22, both doomed to death, and Charles Greenlee, serving a life sentence, was used by white mobs as an excuse for widespread terror against the Negro communities around Groveland.

Alex Akerman, Jr., chief attorney for the youths, announced, following the unanimous rejection of their appeal by the seven-man supreme court, that he would propose an immediate appeal from the decision to the U. S. Supreme Court. He declared he would make this recommendation to other lawyers for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who defended the youths in the frameup.

UOPWA Parley Votes To Fight Mundt Bill

By George Morris

ATLANTIC CITY, May 18.—The convention of the United Office and Professional Workers today unanimously condemned the Mundt-Nixon bill as "fascist" legislation and called upon all its members to wage an active fight to defeat it.

"Ostensibly, the bill is aimed at Communists and Communism," declares the resolution. "But as we have learned from our own experience, when an employer starts red-baiting, he is not aiming at the 'reds' but at the wages, hours and working conditions of each and every one of us. So with this Mundt Bill. It is aimed at the civil liberties, jobs and lives of each and every one of us."

Speaking in support of the resolution, delegate Harry Eschenbacher of Local 98, New York, an employee of Guarantee Title and Trust Co. for 40 years and a commander of an American Legion Post, denounced the Mundt Bill as "anti-American" which "must not reach the floor of Congress."

VIOLATES CONSTITUTION

After citing a number of grounds upon which the bill violates constitutional rights, Eschenbacher said:

"I object to having an organization I belong to listed as subversive."

Denah Lithauer, of Local 19, said that with Communists singled out for primary attack in the

Mundt bill, "it is high time that more people should know what the Communists stand for."

"I am speaking today not only as a delegate to this convention but also as a Communist," she went on. "I am a worker. My fellow workers know my views as grievance chairman in a shop of 250 workers, and to the executive board of my local for five successive years. I am proud of the fact that the workers see in me someone in whom they can place their confidence, to lead and protect their interests."

She explained the basic Communist objective of Socialism as the real solution of problem and refuted the "foreign agent" charge. She explained that in day to day life the Communists "as workers" have the same objectives that all workers have, and added:

"We Communists ask for no special privileges other than those guaranteed all American citizens. As members of union we ask to be judged on the basis of our record as union fighters for the workers' needs."

She drew general applause and (Continued on Page 9)

Labor Leaders Tour B'klyn Tomorrow for Peace Petitions

Brooklyn labor leaders will tour every part of the borough tomorrow in an all-day drive for 25,000 signatures to peace petitions. Sponsored by the Brooklyn chapter of the Labor Peace Conference, three caravans will hold 12 open-air meetings, with volunteers circulating petitions in every community.

The goal of 25,000 signatures in one day will be in addition to the 15,000 Brooklyn signatures already turned in to the New York Labor Peace Conference.

The three caravans will assemble at the offices of United Electrical Local 475, 160 Montague St., at 10:15 a.m.

Speakers will include Charles Fay, president of UE Local 475; Ruben Marcet, manager of AFL Paper and Sulphite Workers Local 107; Leon Kuhl, business agent of Local 107; Leon Hendler, CIO

Shipyard Local 22, and Mrs. Ina Tyler, Community leader of the Bedford-Stuyvesant area and wife of Alcott Tyler, business manager of Chemical Workers Local 121, a leader of the Brooklyn Peace Conference.

Route of the first caravan will be: 11 a.m. at Stone and Pitkin Aves.; noon, at Hopkinson and Pitkin Aves.; 2 p.m. at Nostrand and Fulton Aves.; 4:30 p.m. at Utica Ave. and Fulton St.

Route of the second caravan: 11 a.m. at Ave. J and E. 14th St.; 12:30 p.m. at Kings Highway and

E. 17th St.; 2 p.m. at Bay Parkway and 86th St.; 3:30 p.m. at Mermaid Ave. and W. 32 St.; 5 p.m. at Brighton Beach and Coney Island Aves.

Route of the third caravan: 11 a.m. at Knickerbocker Ave. and Star St.; 1 p.m. at Graham Ave. and Varet St.; 3 p.m. at Columbia and President streets; 5 p.m. at Atlantic Ave. and Hicks St.

The petition calls upon President Truman to open top-level discussion with the Soviet Union to outlaw atomic warfare.

JERSEY GM LOCAL REJECTS UAW BID TO HALT STOPPAGES

LINDEN, N. J., May 18.—General Motors Local 595 of the United Auto Workers, at a special meeting yesterday, unanimously rejected a demand sent by Arthur Johnstone, national GM director of the UAW, that GM locals halt all stoppages while negotiations were going on. The GM local here voted to answer Johnstone that such stoppages, far

from hurting negotiations, were helping the union negotiators.

The local voted to send a message to Mike Collins, eastern representative on the national negotiations committee, urging him to stick fast to all demands, particularly to the demand for guarantees against speedup.

The local also passed a resolution denouncing the Mundt bill.

Is Acheson Trying to Get Out From Under in the Berlin Hoax?

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Secretary of State Acheson recently boasted, in a speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, that an attempt to "plant" a false document on the Department had failed. He made the "revelation" on April 23, off the record, and it was published for the first time today.

Acheson's exact words were:

"We had, not so long ago, a most interesting and exciting paper planted on us by one of our enthusiastic friends abroad, and it caused a little flurry. But it was Park Armstrong's cool people who discovered in a short

time that it was a phony from top to bottom, and saved us from the obvious purpose of their planting it on us."

(W. Park Armstrong is special assistant to Acheson in charge of intelligence.)

Acheson did not identify the document. Other Department officials speculated that it might have been a phony account of the plans of the Communist Party of Germany.

A source which is usually reliable, either for accurate information or for shrewd guesses, told the Daily Worker the document was one which purported to be the plans of the German Communists for the Free German Youth march on Berlin on the coming Whitsuntide (May 28.)

If this is true, then the State Department is not sticking to the truth. For many weeks it exploited to the fullest the "report" that the German youth in a march on Berlin aimed at taking over the city and driving out the U. S., British and French occupation forces.

On March 10, Gerhart Eisler, Minister of Information for the German Democratic Republic, spoke of plans for a rally of Free German Youth in east Berlin May 28. Immediately the U. S.-dominated press of Berlin, west Germany, and the U. S. began to speak of a "sinister plot" behind this demonstration. It was charged, in great headlines, that the youth rally was in fact designed to "conquer" Berlin. No proof of the charge was cited but some articles hinted that the U. S. had learned of the

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Jersey CP Takes Dennis Pledge

Full participation in the fight to free Eugene Dennis and the collection of at least 50,000 signatures for peace in the state were pledged by an enlarged meeting of Communist Party functionaries in New Jersey, it was announced yesterday.

Martha Stone, chairman, and Joseph Fisher, organizational secretary of the party in New Jersey, said that the meeting resolved to guarantee a flood of telegrams to Attorney General McGrath demanding the release of Dennis; to have all clubs keep Dennis informed of their activities by personal mail; to complete by June 1, the fighting fund campaign for \$50,000; to recruit 130 party members by July 15 and to achieve 100 percent dues control in June.

Club 4 of the Henry Winston section of the Communist Party, on Manhattan's West Side, yesterday wired the Daily Worker asking the paper to convey to Eugene Dennis its "pledge to fight for his freedom by every means available."

The club added, "We shall raise the slogan, peace in our community, and help in the recruiting of working class members into our party."

Urge Congress End Job Bias On Railroads

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Representatives of Negro railroad workers and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today told Congress to amend the Railway Labor Act to prevent Negroes from being squeezed out of the railroad industry entirely.

Joseph Waddy, attorney for three Negro railroad unions, and Clarence Mitchell, labor secretary of the NAACP, testified before a Senate Labor subcommittee that leaders of the large, lily white railroad brotherhoods were intent on driving 4,000 Negro railroaders out of their jobs.

Waddy and Mitchell opposed a bill which would authorize the union shop and checkoff for the large brotherhoods, without first protecting the Negro workers. Under the Railway Labor Act, an act of Congress and not collective bargaining is needed to establish these protective features in the industry. Waddy and Mitchell emphasized, however, that they are not opposed to the union shop and checkoff.

Transit Men In Pittsburgh, Atlanta Strike

PITTSBURGH, May 18.—AFL bus drivers today struck five suburban lines to win wage increases. The 783 workers, members of the Amalgamated Street Electric Railway Employees, are demanding a raise of 10 cents an hour.

ATLANTA, May 18.—This city's entire transit system was shut down when 1,300 street car and bus drivers struck for higher wages.

B-29 Azores Crash Kills 16 Aboard

AZORES, May 18.—A B-29 bomber crashed at the Lagens Field here last night, and 16 aboard were killed at once. Fourteen men were burned beyond recognition. The dead included the crew of 11, and five passengers. The passengers were said to be military personnel en route from Bermuda to England.

The plane came from the Barksdale Airforce base at Shreveport, La. Capt. Salvatore Pelle, public information officer at Barksdale, said the plane had been diverted to Lagens Field when it developed engine trouble.

ROBESON TO SING AT IWO GARDEN RALLY TOMORROW

Paul Robeson will top a big cultural program at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night (Saturday) at the 20th anniversary celebration of the International Workers Order.

Others on the program include the JPFO chorus of 500 voices, the Children's Chorus of the JPFO schools, and a dance program presented by the Radischev Dancers and children's groups from the JPFO schools.

Truman Gives OK to Union of French-Nazi Arms Industries

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 18.—President Truman today issued a vigorous endorsement of the proposal to unite the German and French war industries. He opened his press conference today by reading a statement giving credit for the proposal to "pool" the German and French coal and steel industries to French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman and calling it "an act of constructive statesmanship."

The main significance of this "pooling" arrangement in the present cold war situation is that all limitations placed on production of steel, an important sinew of war, by German plants will be removed. Truman's statement came only a few hours after it was announced in London that the 11 Atlantic war pact nations had agreed to the U. S. demand to pool their military, air and naval forces into one West European army.

Although Truman described the new cartel proposal as a "demonstration of French leadership" it has been generally credited to U. S. initiative. Truman also expressed gratification at "wholehearted reception" of the proposal in West Germany.

Truman denied that Defense Secretary Louis Johnson's impending trip to Tokyo is for the purpose of making arrangements for a separate U.S.-Japanese peace treaty. He said Johnson's aim is the same as (Continued on Page 9)

U. S. Gov't to Rule 12 Nations' Armies In Anti-Soviet Move

A permanent military staff to prepare war against the Soviet Union was established yesterday by the 12 Atlantic Pact foreign ministers who concluded their meeting in London under United States government control. The chief of the new Council established by the meeting will be appointed by President Truman. A communique issued after the conference said a military strategic plan had been adopted and troops assigned their tasks.

Each of the 12 foreign ministers will designate a deputy who will serve permanently as a member of the war council. Various names proposed for chairman of the council so far include Gen. Eisenhower, Robert A. Lovett, former under secretary of State and banker W. Averell Harriman, now Marshall plan ambassador.

The individual armies of the European nations will be eliminated as national armies and become subject to the council headed by the United States government. Finances and arms will be American, but the bulk of the land forces for the military action is expected to be European in the initial stages. France will be asked to furnish 30 divisions.

The Atlantic war council will also have political and financial functions to integrate all cold war measures in preparation for a shooting war.

Randolph Leads In Typo Vote

With most of the vote in, Woodruff Randolph, president of the AFL International Typographical Union, was leading the field last night for re-election. Randolph, head of the union's Progressive Party, was leading his opponent C. C. Sparkman, Independent Party choice, by 1,000 votes.

In New York Local 8, biggest unit in the union, Randolph got 4,151 votes to 3,058 for Sparkman. Of the four delegates to the national convention, "Big Six" elected three Progressives and one Independent.

Main campaign propaganda of the Independent Party consisted of attacks upon the militant policy of Randolph and the Progressive Party. The Independents sought to blame Randolph, rather than the publishers, for the bitterly fought and successful 22-month Chicago strike.

The early returns included the complete vote in all major cities. Randolph is conceded to have even greater strength in the smaller cities.

AS WE SEE IT, a column by Robert F. Hall, Washington correspondent, appears Mondays and Wednesdays in the Daily Worker.

Switchmen Set Strike for 10 Western RRs

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A strike of the AFL Switchmen's Union on 10 Western railroads will take place next Tuesday, 7 a. m., the union announced today. The strike was called for the 40-hour week. Switchmen still work a 48-hour schedule. The walkout, if it takes place, will begin one week after the strike of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen was called off by union officials without winning a single demand.

Arthur J. Clover, Switchmen's president, pointed out that most industries have long adhered to the 40-hour week, and added: "That's all we want."



Redbaiting Court OK's Ousting of 3 Painters

A redbaiting judge here yesterday upheld the expulsion of three rank-and-file leaders from AFL Painters District Council 9. Louis Weinstock, Morris Davis and Morris Gainer had asked State Supreme Court Justice Ernest E. L. Hammer to order their reinstatement on the ground that their political rights had been violated.

The three rank-and-file painters' leaders, who have been fighting the rightwing's misleadership of the union here, were expelled on the excuse that they were Communists.

Judge Hammer ruled against all points of their charges that their "political rights had been violated, that it was against public policy to expel them, and that no evidence had been presented at their trial that the Communist Party is subversive."

Sweeping aside the Bill of Rights of the U. S. Constitution and ruling against the rights of minority political parties and groups, Hammer declared:

"The basic fallacy in their arguments concerning interference with their political rights is their assumption that as members of the Communist Party they have standings identical with other political parties."

Rally for FEPC In Harlem Tomorrow

"It's your battle! Break the filibuster!" This is the leaflet call the New York Chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People began distributing yesterday to the people of Harlem and New York to come to an FEPC rally tomorrow (Saturday) at 5 p. m. at Dorrence Brooks Square, 135 Street and St. Nicholas Avenue.

The local branch announced yesterday that Walter White just returned as secretary of the NAACP, will speak.

Among those invited to speak at the rally are Rev. C. Asapansa-Johnson, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Councilman Earl Brown, Rev. Walter S. Pinn, Calvary Baptist Church, Jamaica, and president of the Baptist Ministers Alliance of Greater New York; Capt. Hugh Mulzac, chairman of the Caribbean American Council; Miss Anne T. Wolfolk, local chairman, American Council on Human Rights; Judge Hubert T. Delany; Louis Fair, New York Grand Master, Prince Hall Masons, and Senator William Benton of Connecticut.

The offices of the local NAACP branch are at 2272 Seventh Ave.

Fur Board Adopts Officers' Report

WHITE LAKE, N. Y., May 18. —The officer's report and recommendations to the forthcoming 18th biennial convention of the CIO International Fur and Leather Workers Union was unanimously adopted today by the international executive board.

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2 U. S. FLIERS CONFESSED SPYING ON CHINESE PEOPLE

The two American flyers released by the Chinese Liberation Army May 3 told a Navy-conducted press conference at Hawaii yesterday they had been well-treated during their two-year imprisonment, according to radio reports here.

The two, William C. Smith and Elmer C. Bender, admitted they had voluntarily and freely signed a confession that they had been spying when forced down in territory held by the Chinese People's Liberation Army during the 1948 fighting. They alibied they had signed the confession figuring they would be released sooner that way.

Defer Layoff of 300 On 3rd Ave. Lines

The threatened layoff of 300 workers of the Third Avenue Transit Corporation today (Friday) appeared to have been postponed at a conference between leaders of the Transport Workers Union and the company yesterday. The meeting was called by the city's Labor Relations Division chief Joseph O'Grady, who told reporters after the three-hour session in his office that he had made a compromise proposal. He would not disclose the details. Both sides agreed to think it over and return for another meeting at 11 a. m. today.

Asked about the strike, O'Grady said: "They never used the word" and added: "I assume there'll be no layoffs before the meeting."

Edward C. Maguire, former head of the Labor Relations Division, and now special counsel for the Third Avenue trustees, said: "I can't say," when queried about the firings.

The company "economies" were ordered by Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman in the recent adjudication of the bankrupt bus company, which is the biggest private surface line in the city. Last Wednesday night, the trustees declared that they had to begin cutting payrolls "without further delay." The first batch of layoffs were scheduled for today.

O'D Covers Up Scanty Relief by Attacking Staff

Mayor O'Dwyer yesterday attempted to cover up his inadequate relief standards by attacking staff members of the Welfare Department. He praised Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard's starvation relief policies and said he had only one objection to the Commissioner—"he's a Republican." The Mayor addressed the American Public Welfare Assn. regional conference at Hotel Astor.

United Public Workers members last night were scheduled to distribute 5,000 leaflets in front of the hotel while Hilliard played host at a dinner to the conference.

The leaflets told the story of Hilliard's record in wrecking welfare standards and attacking relief recipients, staff and union members.

AFL Backs Fight on Mundt Bill, Green Writes to B'klyn Rally

AFL President William Green last night told a meeting against the Mundt police state bill in the Brooklyn Academy of Music that the AFL joins the people gathered at the rally in the fight against that measure. In a letter sent to the Brooklyn Citizens Committee Against the Mundt Bill, Green declared:

"The benefits and blessings of individual and collective freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution of the U. S. are regarded by the working people of the nation as a part of our priceless heritage. Because of this fact, we are opposed to legislation such as the Mundt bill, which seeks to transgress upon the exercise of freedom guaranteed individuals by our Constitution. We join with those in attendance at your meeting in steps which you are taking to bring about defeat of the Mundt bill."

Among greetings to the rally

was one from Sen. Herbert E. Lehman.

The rally passed a resolution which noted that only two of Brooklyn's Congressmen were fighting the bill and called upon Congress to act to prevent its enactment into law.

The resolution also determined to set up citizens committees in every community in Brooklyn to fight the bill.

Co-chairman of the meeting were Philip Meltzer, commander of the Brooklyn Council, Jewish War Veterans, and Charles Heller of the NAACP.

Scheduled to speak at the Daily

Worker went to press were Arthur Garfield Hays of the American Civil Liberties Union and Rep. Emmanuel Celler.

AT COUNTY FAIR THIS WEEKEND



Ed Wiener at work on jewelry which will be sold at the County Fair to be held at 13 Astor Place today, tomorrow and Sunday. The fair is sponsored by the New York County American Labor Party and the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists.

Switchmen Reply To Truman's Stall With Strike Notice

By Robert Wood

The announcement yesterday by the AFL Switchmen's Union (SUNA) that it will strike 10 western railroads next Tuesday is its answer to President Truman's attempt to stall on their shorter work-week demand.

The SUNA, whose members are yard employees, have been trying for ten months to win a 40-hour week. Yard and other operating employees still work 48 and 56 hours per week at straight time.

After sweating out the tortured steps required by the Railway Labor Act, the switchmen on March 19 finally reached the Presidential "fact" board stage.

Under the provisions of the Act, the switchmen were entitled to have their case heard by the Board and completed in 30 days, by April 19, and free to strike on May 19, if they so chose.

PULLS STALL

That's when Truman pulled his "plenty-of-time" stunt. In rapid succession he appointed a Board for the Switchmen and another Board for the Railroad Yardmasters of America's fight for the same standard week.

But the gimmick was this: that the three men he appointed to hear the two cases were then engaged in still a third case, hearing a similar 40-hour proposal by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and

the Order of Railway Conductors.

What this mess added up to was that Truman was trying to force a line-up of one union after another, with the Board unable to hear the Switchmen's facts for many months.

The three "fact" board members said they were sorry but everybody would have to wait. The "impartial" Board is made up of R. I. McDonough, chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court; C. S. Watkins, economic professor, University of California; Mart J. O'Malley, Indiana Supreme Court judge.

PROTEST TO TRUMAN

The Switchmen protested to Truman, and demanded a separate Board, so did the Yardmasters, but he ignored their pleas.

Switchmen's President A. J. Glover told Truman his union could put in its whole case in six days, and pointed to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad pact, recently won, in which the 40-hour week at 48-hours pay was wrested from that railroad without a "Fact" Board's intervention.

But Truman is only in a hurry on sizzling the "cold war." He's not impressed by the fact that switchmen have waited since 1937 to get the 40-hour week, the year in which the standard week was achieved by non-railroad workers.

They can wait some more, in the President's opinion. If the strike takes place Tuesday, Truman probably will have his mind changed.

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Is Acheson Trying to Get Out From Under in the Berlin Hoax?

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Secretary of State Acheson recently boasted, in a speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, that an attempt to "plant" a false document on the Department had failed. He made the "revelation" on April 23, off the record, and it was published for the first time today.

Acheson's exact words were:

"We had, not so long ago, a most interesting and exciting paper planted on us by one of our enthusiastic friends abroad, and it caused a little flurry. But it was Park Armstrong's cool people who discovered in a short

time that it was a phony from top to bottom, and saved us from the obvious purpose of their planting it on us."

(W. Park Armstrong is special assistant to Acheson in charge of intelligence.)

Acheson did not identify the document. Other Department officials speculated that it might have been a phony account of the plans of the Communist Party of Germany.

A source which is usually reliable, either for accurate information or for shrewd guesses, told the Daily Worker the document was one which purported to be the plans of the German Communists for the Free German Youth march on Berlin on the coming Whitsuntide (May 28).

If this is true, then the State Department is not sticking to the truth. For many weeks it exploited to the fullest the "report" that the German youth in a march on Berlin aimed at taking over the city and driving out the U. S., British and French occupation forces.

On March 10, Gerhart Eisler, Minister of Information for the German Democratic Republic, spoke of plans for a rally of Free German Youth in east Berlin May 28. Immediately the U. S.-dominated press of Berlin, west Germany, and the U. S. began to speak of a "sinister plot" behind this demonstration. It was charged, in great headlines, that the youth rally was in fact designed to "conquer" Berlin. No proof of the charge was cited but some articles hinted that the U. S. had learned of the

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Jersey CP Takes Dennis Pledge

Full participation in the fight to free Eugene Dennis and the collection of at least 50,000 signatures for peace in the state were pledged by an enlarged meeting of Communist Party functionaries in New Jersey, it was announced yesterday.

Martha Stone, chairman, and Joseph Fisher, organizational secretary of the party in New Jersey, said that the meeting resolved to guarantee a flood of telegrams to Attorney General McGrath demanding the release of Dennis; to have all clubs keep Dennis informed of their activities by personal mail; to complete by June 1, the fighting fund campaign for \$50,000; to recruit 130 party members by July 15 and to achieve 100 percent dues control in June.

Club 4 of the Henry Winston section of the Communist Party, on Manhattan's West Side, yesterday wired the Daily Worker asking the paper to convey to Eugene Dennis its "pledge to fight for his freedom by every means available."

The club added, "We shall raise the slogan, peace in our community, and help in the recruiting of working class members into our party."

Urge Congress End Job Bias On Railroads

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Representatives of Negro railroad workers and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today told Congress to amend the Railway Labor Act to prevent Negroes from being squeezed out of the railroad industry entirely.

Joseph Waddy, attorney for three Negro railroad unions, and Clarence Mitchell, labor secretary of the NAACP, testified before a Senate Labor subcommittee that leaders of the large, lily white railroad brotherhoods were intent on driving 4,000 Negro railroaders out of their jobs.

Waddy and Mitchell opposed a bill which would authorize the union shop and checkoff for the large brotherhoods, without first protecting the Negro workers. Under the Railway Labor Act, an act of Congress and not collective bargaining is needed to establish these protective features in the industry. Waddy and Mitchell emphasized, however, that they are not opposed to the union shop and checkoff.

Transit Men In Pittsburgh, Atlanta Strike

PITTSBURGH, May 18.—AFL bus drivers today struck five suburban lines to win wage increases. The 783 workers, members of the Amalgamated Street Electric Railway Employees, are demanding a raise of 10 cents an hour.

ATLANTA, May 18.—This city's entire transit system was shut down when 1,300 street car and bus drivers struck for higher wages.

B-29 Azores Crash Kills 16 Aboard

AZORES, May 18.—A B-29 bomber crashed at the Lages Field here last night, and 16 aboard were killed at once. Fourteen men were burned beyond recognition. The dead included the crew of 11, and five passengers. The passengers were said to be military personnel en route from Bermuda to England.

The plane came from the Barksdale Airforce base at Shreveport, La. Capt. Salvatore Pelle, public information officer at Barksdale, said the plane had been diverted to Lages Field when it developed engine trouble.

ROBESON TO SING AT IWO GARDEN RALLY TOMORROW

Paul Robeson will top a big cultural program at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night (Saturday) at the 20th anniversary celebration of the International Workers Order.

Others on the program include the JFFO chorus of 500 voices, the Children's Chorus of the JFFO schools, and a dance program presented by the Radischev Dancers and children's groups from the JFFO schools.

Truman Gives OK to Union of French-Nazi Arms Industries

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 18.—President Truman today issued a vigorous endorsement of the proposal to unite the German and French war industries. He opened his press conference today by reading a statement giving credit for the proposal to "pool" the German and French coal and steel industries to French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman and calling it "an act of constructive statesmanship."

The main significance of this "pooling" arrangement in the present cold war situation is that all limitations placed on production of steel, an important sinew of war, by German plants will be removed. Truman's statement came only a few hours after it was announced in London that the 11 Atlantic war pact nations had agreed to the U. S. demand to pool their military, air and naval forces into one West European army.

Although Truman described the new cartel proposal as a "demonstration of French leadership" it has been generally credited to U. S. initiative. Truman also expressed gratification at "wholehearted reception" of the proposal in West Germany.

Truman denied that Defense Secretary Louis Johnson's impending trip to Tokyo is for the purpose of making arrangements for a separate U.S.-Japanese peace treaty. He said Johnson's aim is the same as (Continued on Page 9)

U. S. Gov't to Rule 12 Nations' Armies In Anti-Soviet Move

A permanent military staff to prepare war against the Soviet Union was established yesterday by the 12 Atlantic Pact foreign ministers who concluded their meeting in London under United States government control. The chief of the new Council established by the meeting will be appointed by President Truman. A communique issued after the conference said a military strategic plan had been adopted and troops assigned their tasks.

Each of the 12 foreign ministers will designate a deputy who will serve permanently as a member of the war council. Various names proposed for chairman of the council so far include Gen. Eisenhower, Robert A. Lovett, former under secretary of State and banker W. Averell Harriman, new Marshall plan ambassador.

The individual armies of the European nations will be eliminated as national armies and become subject to the council headed by the United States government. Finances and arms will be American, but the bulk of the land forces for the military action is expected to be European in the initial stages. France will be asked to furnish 30 divisions.

The Atlantic war council will also have political and financial functions to integrate all cold war measures in preparation for a shooting war.

Randolph Leads In Typo Vote

With most of the vote in, Woodruff Randolph, president of the AFL International Typographical Union, was leading the field last night for re-election. Randolph, head of the union's Progressive Party, was leading his opponent C. G. Sparkman, Independent Party choice, by 1,000 votes.

In New York Local 6, biggest unit in the union, Randolph got 4,151 votes to 3,058 for Sparkman. Of the four delegates to the national convention, "Big Six" elected three Progressives and one Independent.

Main campaign propaganda of the Independent Party consisted of attacks upon the militant policy of Randolph and the Progressive Party. The Independents sought to blame Randolph, rather than the publishers, for the bitterly fought and successful 22-month Chicago strike.

The early returns included the complete vote in all major cities. Randolph is conceded to have even greater strength in the smaller cities.

AS WE SEE IT, a column by Robert F. Hall, Washington correspondent, appears Mondays and Wednesdays in the Daily Worker.

Switchmen Set Strike for 10 Western RRs

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A strike of the AFL Switchmen's Union on 10 Western railroads will take place next Tuesday, 7 a. m., the union announced today. The strike was called for the 40-hour week. Switchmen still work a 48-hour schedule. The walkout, if it takes place, will begin one week after the strike of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen was called off by union officials without winning a single demand.

Arthur J. Glover, Switchmen's president, pointed out that most industries have long adhered to the 40-hour week, and added: "That's all we want."



TAXI DRIVERS' NEWS Every Friday

Hackies Press for Law to End Shapeup

The Taxi Drivers Committee for Trade Union Organization, which has collected some 5,000 signatures on petitions to end the shape-up system by freezing new hack licenses, is stepping up its campaign by demanding legislation to close the door on new hack licenses.

The Committee is requesting both the majority and minority leaders of the City Council to initiate the necessary legislation.

The first of these meetings took place Wednesday when a delegation of hackies from all the boroughs met with Councilman Stanley Isaacs, minority leader, and requested the introduction of this legislation. The delegation was headed by Alex Popkin, citywide chairman of the Taxi Drivers Committee for Trade Union Organization.

The delegation called attention to the fact that taxi fleet operators are protected against an influx of new cabs through the Haas law while taxicab drivers are today suffering from intensified hounding for bookings, fired for minor accidents, having bonuses eliminated and commissions reduced in some fleets all because the fleet operators are assured a ready supply of new drivers by the Hack bureau.

The delegation points out that drivers interests can be protected if a ration were fixed between hack licenses and the number of cabs permitted to operate.

Negro drivers in the delegation called attention to the special burden imposed on them by the shape-up system. With jobs restricted to a limited number of garages, with Bell system, Taxi Transit and many other fleets refusing to hire Negro drivers, the continued granting of new licenses puts the squeeze on them most.

They pointed out that employers in fleets that do hire Negroes use their limited job opportunities for intensified hounding of the Negro driver in the first place and for increased hounding of the white drivers by playing them off against each other.

The Taxi Drivers Committee for Trade Union Organization declares it will insist that Mayor O'Dwyer and the Democratic majority in the city council come through on the elimination of the shapeup system and for the anti-discrimination clause embodied in the code of fair labor standards agreed to by the fleet operators in their attempt at the higher taxi fare "steal."

CORRECTION

In last week's Taxi Page the Fashion Cab Co. was named as one of the companies which had eliminated a 1 percent bonus plan. The company claims that it never had a bonus plan in its history.

ERP Throws French Workers Out of Jobs

How the Marshall Plan has thrown on the street 65,000 of the 90,000 aircraft workers of France is dramatically told in a message "To the aircraft workers of the U. S. A. from the aircraft workers of France."

To "satisfy the aims of domination and aggression of the multi-millionaires of your own country," the French workers said, "our present rulers are destroying our national aircraft industry, which was the first to teach the world how to build aircraft."

The French government has just ordered the lockout of 5,500 workers employed in one of the plants of the National Aircraft Research & Construction Co.

How Cab Bosses, City Use Jobless

Editor, Daily Worker:

The other day, while cruising on 11th Ave. near 59 St., I saw a crowd of 5,000 men applying for 300 porter jobs. I stopped to talk with some of the men. Many of them said

Cabbies Mourn Ruth Jordan

Luther Jordan, well-known Negro hackie and one of the pioneers in trade union organization in the taxi field, last week lost his wife Ruth, who died after leaving the hospital.

Old-time hackies will remember Ruth Jordan as one of the founders of the ladies auxiliary of taxi drivers during the days of CIO unionization. Her friendly smile will long be remembered by those who knew her, and she will be missed by many who came to love and respect her.

Many old-timers came to attend services and extend condolences to Luther Jordan and his family on their loss.

With unemployment growing from day to day, we hackies can expect an influx of unemployed in our industry, as happened in the depression days of 20 years ago, when the city issued hack licenses to every unemployed worker who applied for relief and knew how to drive a car. Through the cooperation of the fleet owners and the city administration these new hackmen were given a few days work a week, thus serving a double purpose of depriving steady men of work, and relieving the city from contributing to the relief of these unemployed.

Let us make sure that this does not happen again. One sure step is to sign the petitions being issued by the Committee for Trade Union Organization demanding that the Police Department Hack Bureau stop issuing new hack licenses and do away with the shape-up.

Driver for "Hungry Joe."

51st Prague Industrial Fair Has Exhibits from Many Nations

The 51st Prague Fair, which began May 14, will continue to May 28 it was announced yesterday by the Czechoslovak embassy in Washington. Countries of both eastern and western Europe will be represented. In addition to the People's Democracies, there will be exhibits from Italy, Switzerland, Turkey, Austria, England, Denmark, Belgium and Holland.

At the same time, the Czechoslovak government announced that in 1949 its foreign trade totaled \$1,600,000,000, exceeding the previous year by \$95,000,000. It had a \$18,200,000 export surplus.

In 1949, trade with the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies amounted to 45.4 percent of total trade as against 31.5 percent

in 1948. Trade with western countries accounted for 54.6 percent of Czechoslovakia's exports and imports.

The U. S. government restriction of exports to Czechoslovakia from Western Europe, as well as from American firms, was one reason for the increased trend toward trade with the socialist countries. In addition to raw materials necessary for its industry and food, Czechoslovakia has imported intricate precision instruments and machinery from the Soviet Union, thus avoiding any consequences of the U. S. embargo.

In announcing its fair the Czechoslovak government invited trade with all countries, both east and west.

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MEXICO GETS CZECH BID ON PACT OUTLAWING A-WAR

MEXICO CITY, May 17.—On the eve of May 9, fifth anniversary of the liberation of Prague by the Soviet army, Dr. Oldrich Kaiser, Czechoslovak minister to Mexico, handed to Manuel J. Tello, acting Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the resolution recently adopted by the Czechoslovak parliament calling for the outlawing of the atomic bomb and the signing of a peace pact among the great powers.

The resolution also demanded the halting of the wars against colonial countries, an end to the policy of renazifying Germany being pursued by the western imperialist powers, and the cessation of all persecution of those who fight for peace. In presenting the resolution, Dr. Kaiser requested that it be placed before the Mexican Congress.

Acting Secretary Tello and other officials of the Mexican Foreign Office were among the guests at a celebration of the anniversary of Prague's liberation at the Czechoslovak legation. The United States ambassador, Walter Thurston, and members of his staff declined to attend.

6 Strikes in Week Fight Ford Speedup

By William Allan

DEARBORN, May 18.—With the Ford Motor Co. recording a 25-year record production, five strikes took place in one building of Rouge this last week and one at the company's Highland Park plant.

Also Ford, it is learned, has set new production goals. They say that they will accomplish production of 1,000,000 cars and trucks by June end. The new quota is 1,750,000 vehicles by October's end. Last year the total yearly production was 1,070,000 vehicles.

The Executive Board of United Auto Workers Local 600 this week laid plans to win reinstatement for two discharged committeemen, who are leaders of the fight against speedup. They are Arthur McPhaul, well known Negro unionist and Earl Anderson. McPhaul was fired for speaking in the lunchroom against speedup.

The five strikes at Rouge took place in the Coal Heading frame department as the result of speedup. At the Highland Park Ford plant the company gave a sick worker 1½ days off and the entire truck line walked out twice, refusing to work until the sick worker's penalty was reversed.

Meanwhile the pointblank refusal of the Rouge management to take back McPhaul, now vice president of the Press Steel Building created resentment throughout the entire plant.

Strangely enough, this resentment among the rank and file, particularly in Press Steel where some 11,000 work, has not been felt by the building chairman Archie Accaccia. Accaccia last week threw a block into a lunchroom demonstration demanding the return of McPhaul's job. He is doing nothing about fighting for the return of the building's vice president.

The local executive board took an entirely different attitude, seeing in the firing of McPhaul and Anderson a move by the company to disrupt the union bargaining setup, and halt any fight against the mounting speedup.

The Daily Worker needs your help. Contribute to the fund drive.

Strike Fights 70-Hour Week in Santa Fe Cafe

SANTA FE, N. M., May 18 (FP).—For the first time in the four-century history of Santa Fe's famous Plaza, a picketline marched in front of a Plaza establishment.

A seven-day, 70-hour week caused the strike, according to Mrs. Gussie Holahan, international representative of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union (AFL). She also charged that the Mayflower Cafe fired four workers because they signed up with the union.

The Mayflower strike was seen in Santa Fe as the beginning of an attempt to organize all restaurants in the New Mexico capital. The union alleges that many eating places here pay workers .35 cents an hour and enforce a seven-day workweek.

Many Santa Fe residents honored the Mayflower picketline.

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Foreign Briefs

Jail Portuguese CP Leader

PARIS (Telepress).—The secretary of the illegal Portuguese Communist Party, Alvaro Cunhal was last night condemned by a Salazar fascist court in Lisbon to four and one-half years' imprisonment or alternatively six years and nine months' deportation.

Cunhal's "crime" was that of leading a "secret organization"—the Portuguese Communist Party.

Cunhal's trial opened on May 2 after more than one year's imprisonment during which he was held incommunicado. During the course of the trial he defied the fascist judges and denounced the dictatorship which has oppressed the country for 26 years.

100,000 in Ruhr Sign Stockholm Petitions

BERLIN (Telepress).—Throughout western Germany hundreds of thousands of signatures are being collected to petitions for the Stockholm peace pledge calling for a ban on atomic weapons. In Nuremberg 38,000 signatures were collected. In Wiesbaden 5,000 signed in a single day. At Mannheim 20,000 workers of the Heinrich Lanz factory signed the peace appeal and in the suburb of Weinheim 887 out of a total population of 900 signed the appeal. One hundred thousand workers in the Ruhr signed the petitions after a few days of campaigning.

3,678,000 Japanese Youth Unite for Peace

TOKYO (Telepress).—At a recent three-day congress here, representatives of 3,678,000 Japanese youth in 670 organizations were united in the Japanese Youth-Fatherland Front for peace, freedom and independence. Workers and students, Communists and Socialists, Christians and Buddhists of both sexes comprised the 1,000 delegates at the conference.

The resolution adopted by the Congress declares that the Japanese youth "are determined to unite their strength with the democratic national front and the world democratic forces . . . to prevent another war."

Viet-Nameese Isolate French Posts

PEKING (NCNA).—One after another, French posts in the Binh Tri Thien sector of Central Viet Nam have been isolated, states Viet Nam radio in a review of the military situation for the first quarter of this year. Thousands of villages in this sector have thrown guerilla encirclements around the enemy points.

All along the north border, between Moncay and Laokay, the French posts have been more and more tightly enclosed. A large area in the Laokay Hagiang sector has been liberated. In the south, the development of the Liberation War has enabled the troops to concentrate and attack Cantho, Traxinh, Soctrang and Bienhoa.

Demonstrations as well as military operations have been carried out by the people of Saigon and Cholon against French and U.S. imperialists.

Japanese Students Defend Rights

TOKYO (ALN).—Students of Tohoku University in Sendai have formed a committee "to protect the university from yielding before a foreign power."

The organization was set up as Vice Education Minister Hideto Ito urged Premier Yoshida to ban student political activities in the future. In his report Ito recommended that university presidents be granted more power to take strict disciplinary action against students.

China's Oil Output Rises

PEKING (NCNA).—China's natural and synthetic oil output is rising with the restoration of plants and wells that have not been in use for many years. The output of the Yumen oil fields in Northwest China is now greater than under the Kuomintang. Yenchang oil field near Yenan, doubled its crude oil output last year though it was wrecked by the Kuomintang troops in 1947. A Japanese synthetic kerosene plant in Shanghai which was wrecked by the Kuomintang was also restored.

Reich CP Paper Backs Jewish Vet Protest

The Communist Party newspaper of Western Germany, Freies Volk, has supported the protests of the Jewish War Veterans of America against the resurgence of Nazism in Western Germany. The May 11 issue of the central organ of the Communist Party of Germany greets the recent declarations of the Jewish War Veterans made at a Madison Square Garden meeting protesting the pro-Nazi policies of the State Department. The newspaper quotes approvingly the declaration made at the meeting:

"It is an insult to Americans to grasp the bloody hand of Hitler in any kind of war."

SET ALBANY HEARINGS ON DR. LORCH, PROF. SWADESH

A public hearing on petitions for reinstatement to the City College faculty of Dr. Lee Lorch and Prof. Morris Swadesh will be held in Albany by the Commissioner of Education, Thursday, May 25. Both instructors were dismissed by the college last year without stated cause.

It was charged that the College's action against the two men resulted from Dr. Lorch's activities against Jim Crow in Stuyvesant Town, and Prof. Swadesh's objections to "discriminatory hiring" as well as the fact that both men were Jews. Both men had been recommended by their departments for reappoint-

ment and promotion. Since his dismissal from City College Dr. Lorch has also been dismissed from Pennsylvania State College for permitting a Negro family to be his guests at Stuyvesant Town.

Among the organizations whose representatives participated in a public hearing of the Swadesh-Lorch cases before the Board of Higher Education in New York City last June were the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Jewish Congress, the Teachers Union and the National Council of Negro Women.

Jansen's Smear Didn't Faze Teachers in Retirement Fund Poll

Despite the smear attacks upon the Teachers Union by the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools William Jansen, a Teachers Union leader won 48 percent of the vote in the recent election for a teacher member to the Retirement Board.

Running as candidate of the Independent Committee for the Election of Samuel Greenfield, Greenfield, treasurer of the Teachers

Union received 14,180 votes and carried Bronx, Manhattan and all the high schools. His opponent, Mrs. Marie Grahl, received the endorsement of the Joint Committee of Teachers Organizations and won by capturing the Queens vote. There were only two candidates in the field.

"The pretensions of the Joint Committee of Teacher Organizations," said the Teachers Union, "to speak for all the teachers are

now blown sky high by the fact that 48 percent of those casting ballots voted against the candidate the Joint Committee endorsed."

Although Greenfield was not elected, he and other experts on the pension committee of the Teachers Union will continue to serve the teachers, both in giving individual advice on pension matters, and in pushing a reform program for the Teachers Retirement System.

Cops Beat B'klyn Negro Mother; Take Her 2 Children Away

By John Hudson Jones

It took a Brooklyn Negro mother 10 days to get her two children back from a Harlem shelter, where 69th Precinct police had taken them after brutally assaulting her. Barbara, 9, and Joyce, 5, were returned to Mrs. Augusta La Mar at her Canarsie home early this week.

Mrs. La Mar, a tiny woman, weighing about 95 pounds, was beaten May 5, in the home of her friend and neighbor, Mrs. Ernestine Delaine, after she suffered an attack of a nervous disorder.

Mrs. Delaine called an ambulance, but the interne refused to take the stricken woman to the hospital on the claim she was

"drunk." Mrs. Delaine then called the police.

COPS BEAT HER

Two patrol car officers came and one, finding Mrs. La Mar still unconscious, began to slap her face and neck. Mrs. La Mar awoke in a fright and began struggling. The cop yelled for "help" and more police entered the house. While

three looked on, the first cop beat Mrs. La Mar back to unconsciousness.

The cops then handcuffed the tiny woman, took her from the house and put her on the damp ground. When a patrol wagon came she was dragged across the ground by her feet. A police sergeant standing by, cracked, "That's right, boys, do it the easy way."

Mrs. La Mar was charged with assault and disorderly conduct. The next day she was released in her own custody, and had to be treated for face and neck bruises. The Brooklyn NAACP and the Canarsie Branch of the American Labor Party provided counsel for her.

On Monday, in East New York Magistrate's Court, Judge Thomas J. Gray, postponed hearing the charge against her before Michael Wollin, ALP counsel arrived.

Earlier, a delegation of Negro and white women visited Capt. Robert McAllister of the 69th Precinct. They were told they were lucky not to be in the South.

Leaflets are being circulated in the community by the ALP and interested citizens are being called upon to attend the next hearing Tuesday morning.

To Honor Sacher At Dinner Monday

HARRY SACHER, labor attorney who faces a six-month jail sentence, will be honored with his fellow lawyers for the Communist leaders at the "One Hundred Cases" Dinner Monday evening, May 22, at the City Center Casino.

The dinner is being sponsored jointly by the Civil Rights Congress, the National Non-Partisan Committee, and the Lawyers Defense Committee, to honor the leading victims of civil and constitutional rights violations in America today.



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Around the Globe

By
Joseph
Clark

The Score Is 12,500,000 To a Few Houdeks

THE SCORE STILL STANDS: 12,500,000 Czechs and Slovaks against Vladimir Houdek and a handful of others who chose betrayal. Several things intrigue us about the splash of publicity attending Houdek's resignation as the Czech UN representative. One is the great effort by the anti-Communist press to defend Houdek's "honor" as a "Communist." The New York Times correspondent writes:

"The net impression from Dr. Houdek's various statements during the day was that he remains a Communist. . . ."

And editorially the Times feels called upon to caution the lunkheads among its own class who may not understand the value of renegades to the imperialist camp—that Houdek is O.K.

Another thing that interests us is how Houdek manages to sell himself to the big business press as a Marxist-Leninist at one and the same time that he sells himself to President Truman as an ally of the President's foreign policy. In a "letter" to Stalin, Houdek quotes Lenin. In a letter to Truman, Houdek protests "the treatment of the American diplomats by the Czechoslovak Ministry for Foreign Affairs." And he tells the President: "I have therefore resigned from my present position and ask you to grant an asylum for me and my family in the United States."

AT THE END OF FEBRUARY this year the central committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia devoted a good part of its meeting to a discussion of this very problem of agents of the class enemy who work within the Party. In his report on "Revolutionary Vigilance and the Integrity of the Party," Ladislav Kopriva said:

"The party card is a force which the class enemy will use to attack us in our most vulnerable places, which are difficult for him to gain access to without party cards." He added: "Today we may see the sheep's clothing, but tomorrow we shall find the wolf."

It seems that's just what Houdek was afraid of. He had been asked to return to his homeland for consultation. But he knew his homeland was a workers' country. He knew that, some one with a job like his is accountable to the people.

WHAT MEANS does a socialist government like that in Czechoslovakia have for uncovering the agents which the State Department's Project X sends into its ranks? How best can they uncover Dulles' friends and Tito's agents and others who would undermine the People's Democracies? Klement Gottwald, President of Czechoslovakia, noted at the same meeting of the central committee:

"We know that the possibilities, privileges and means that are given to many new members of the party can be, by reason of their position, and often are, misused against the party, the Republic, against other citizens for their personal interest and to their own advantage, or for the benefit of a small clique of hangers-on and careerists, etc."

Gottwald cited examples of enemy agents exposed in the party and said the reasons these persons had not been uncovered sooner was a lack "of party criticism, self criticism and inner-party democracy." Gottwald added:

"And he who has a good conscience, and who works honestly according to his strength and his ability, need not be afraid of criticism and self-criticism and need not be afraid of criticizing others."

He pointed out that this includes every organ of the party from the very top to the bottom.

So what was Houdek afraid of? His interview with correspondents at Lake Success revealed why he wouldn't subject his views and his work to the pitiless light of criticism and self-criticism. Asked on whose side he'd be in a war, he gave the game away, answering that it should be "obvious" from the fact that he has asked for asylum in the United States.

The score will remain 12,500,000 against a miserable group of Houdeks because the Czechs and Slovaks feel about a man who would support the atom bombing of his own country the way any decent person would feel on such a matter—anywhere.

VIRGIL

By Len Kleis



Letters from Readers

Concert of Negro Composers

New York.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The African Aid Committee, organized just a year ago and sponsored by many prominent citizens, both Negro and white, has brought substantial aid to Nigerian mine workers shot down for daring to go on strike, and is endeavoring to bring urgently-needed help to African people in other areas of the continent, people whose bodies, minds and spirits have been sorely starved by the imperialist oppressors.

I feel sure that readers of the Daily Worker and their friends will be glad of the opportunity to lend support to our Committee's work and, at the same time, enjoy an unusual culture program at the concert of symphonic music by all Negro composers to be presented at Town Hall Sunday afternoon under the

direction of Dean Dixon.

It is an exciting program which will be heard—music, some of it entirely new to American concert audiences, from Africa, Cuba and other lands, including this country. It will be a concrete demonstration of what the Negro artist has contributed to symphonic music as a composer—something that is practically always ignored in appraising the Negro's place in the cultural world. And the significant thing about this music is that it stems from the people. The folk idiom figures prominently in the work of Negro composers such as the Bantu, Michael M. Moerane; the Cuban, Amadeo Roldan, and the American, William Grant Still, some of the composers whose works will be heard on the Sunday program at Town Hall.

W. A. HUNTON,
African Aid Committee,
MU 3-6209.

Press Roundup

THE HERALD TRIBUNE's Walter Lippmann recommends some very thorough study of the situation in Malaya and the Philippines. In the first, the British have "backed up their authority with troops." In the Philippines, the U. S. has given "enormous financial assistance and a total and absolute military guarantee" against what Lippmann chooses to call "foreign aggression." Yet, he says, "in the Philippines and in Malaya the governments are unable to govern successfully." The Huk, "like all successful guerillas," says Lippmann, "have widespread popular support" and "have redistributed the land." He concluded: "conventional military forces" aren't going to lick these popular guerilla movements.

THE TIMES likes Mrs. Willkie as an anti-Marcantonio candidate because she is a "gracious" and "well-informed" person. But mainly, it's because "the name of Willkie has a glow to it." Naturally, when didn't a million dollars combined with reactionary views send a warm glow through the Times?

THE NEWS also finds Mrs. Willkie "charming" but doubts that she'd be the "ideal coalition candidate." Of course, that candidate was reported to have died in a Berlin fire, and the News and the rest of the anti-Marcantonio pack will have to find somebody else.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN—surprise—has a word to say about Marcantonio. It's Bob Considine, who graduated from sports writing to become the fifth little Pegler from the top, announces that: "Everybody agrees that the easiest U. S. congressman to beat is Vito Marcantonio."

THE POST pretends to believe that the Wall Street Journal and the Communists see eye to eye on the plan for a Franco-German steel cartel. Maybe the Post needed this hackneyed little myth about the right and left being identical, just now, in case any of its readers should ask how come the Post and the profascist Hearst Mirror really saw eye to eye on defending the "right" of Benjamin Bittencourt to make a pro-Nazi speech.

—R. F.

World of Labor

By
George
Morris

'Respectability'—They Know What It Costs

ATLANTIC CITY

THE DISCUSSION of delegates at the convention of the United Office and Professional Workers is piling up into a damning indictment of the leadership of the CIO for what labor historians will probably record as one of the greatest crimes against unions.

This isn't an anti-CIO convention. But in telling of their experiences and drawing lessons for their union-building objectives, the delegates cannot avoid describing the costly business of fighting union-busting raids launched against their locals, principally from the regional offices of the CIO.

Almost every local has such a sordid story to tell. The officers report that at least 76 such raids confronted the union in two years.

That the union survives two years after the raiding expeditions began and holds a convention representing 30,000 members and is able

to report significant wage and other gains despite the raids, speaks of the high level that unionism has attained among some white-collar workers.

Some people today take white-collar unionism for granted, although the number in the unions are still a tiny minority of the millions eligible. But not very long ago, the theory prevailed in service, and like workers are "unorganizable."

In fact, until the UOPWA came on the scene, a tiny AFL outfit in the field was generally referred to as a joke and a "paper union."

The UOPWA, led from its inception by the very people who are here at this convention, were the real trail-blazers of organization in this field. They did so in days when people like Murray viewed white-collar workers as not worthy of the money and effort that it takes to organize.

IT ISN'T ONLY a problem of a desire to organize white-collar workers. It is equally one of knowing how to do it. The problem does, in great measure, differ from the task of organizing production workers. The UOPWA is the union that did most to show other organizations how to unionize the office staffs of their plants and how to involve such workers in militant struggles.

Other unions have even a larger number of white-collar workers than the UOPWA. Joseph Beirne, president of the CIO American Communications Association, which was born as a company union of the telephone trust, was last Sunday awarded a medal by the clerical-dominated Association of Catholic Trade Unionists for his "leadership" in the white-collar field. Leadership for what? In advancing the interests of the workers through militant unionism or in the maintenance of the company union character of the organization?

Beirne did not gain his distinction for leading the workers against the company but rather for his success in keeping some of them in line for the company. The results are simply this: as Beirne admits in a recent pamphlet, phone workers, once in the higher wage brackets have sunk to 25th in a list of 27. The men and women who follow the path of the UOPWA show a significant climb **FOR THOSE ORGANIZED.**

THERE WERE DAYS when Murray and other national CIO leaders came to UOPWA conventions and praised it highly for its work and policy. But when Murray embarked on his latest policy, a united front with Wall Street on the cold war, his taste for unions also changed. Significantly, the same convention that decided to expel the UOPWA and similar unions, elevated Beirne to a CIO vice-presidency although his union was in the CIO only six months.

As Leon Berney, one of the UOPWA's top leaders, said, the issue is "loyalty to the company or loyalty to the worker." Those loyal to the company don't need a union and don't have to pay dues. On that same basis there are "two kinds of Americanism," he said.

"We don't agree with Phil Murray that there are no classes in America," he said and gave some tangible evidence of sharp class struggle that make Murray's claim ridiculous. Replying to one delegate who hoped something would be done to "tear the red tag off the union," Berney said: "If you tear off the red tag you tear it through your own throat."

PRESS FUND—Thanks to an active office union members who met me here, who peaked off two five spots and said "add it to your column." That makes the total \$264.

COMING: Lenin's Peace Proposals in 1920 . . . in the Weekend Worker

Second Round for the FEPC

THE SECOND ROUND IN THE FIGHT to pass an anti-jimcrow employment law in this Congress is now on.

The job is to force the passage of the FEPC bill.

The Negro-haters in Congress in the GOP and Democratic parties are out to block such a vote. They use the filibuster method of stalling all business until the FEPC is laid aside for other matters. This is supposed to be "democracy."

The situation immediately is that 64 votes are needed in the Senate to block the threatened filibuster. The Administration expects 58 or so. But the Administration is not exerting any pressure on its Senators to pass the FEPC or to block the filibuster! This means that grass roots pressure will decide the issue in Congress and nothing else. Pressure is needed on Senators like MacFarland (Arizona), Withers (Kentucky), Kerr (Oklahoma), Thomas (Oklahoma) and McCarren (Nev.).

It is also important to reach Kefauver of Tennessee, and Graham of South Carolina.

The Truman administration and the GOP united to murder the anti-jimcrow FEPC in the House. They united to pass a toothless measure to "educate" the KKK-minded employers to please hire Negroes. The Truman machine uses FEPC as a vote-getter, but stalls when it comes to fighting for it. Senator Taft challenges the Truman Democrats to use their majority to pass it; they cannot answer this cynical challenge of their fellow-jimcrower.

Those who want FEPC must therefore unite to win this legislation so needed by the Negro people and so necessary to the very life of democracy in our nation.

We urge wires and messages immediately to all Senators urging support for the cloture rule to halt the filibuster, and to pass the FEPC.

We urge an immense turnout at the Harlem rally for FEPC tomorrow (Saturday) at Dorrence Brooks Square, 135 St. and St. Nicholas Ave.

Trygve Lie's Mission

THE PRESS was disappointed.

They had sprung the loaded question to Trygve Lie, UN secretary who just came back from Moscow:

"What do you think of the World Partisans for Peace movement?"

He replied:

"I bless everyone, each man and each woman, who fights for peace."

This is what decent men believe everywhere in the world. It is not the view of the cold war leaders either in the White House, Congress or the Pentagon. The blessed word peace is hated by the "inevitable war" conspirators in Washington and in the circles of the Brass Hats. It is hated by the Wall Street trusts getting 23 billion dollars a year in war contracts.

But the majority of the human race wants peace and means to get it.

IT IS NOT THE MENACE OF WAR that bothers the mob with the war contracts, or the Wall Street tycoons determined to seize the tottering colonial empires. It is the "menace of peace" that really haunts them.

The radio commentators tried to sneer at Trygve Lie's report that his discussion with the Soviet leaders was "positive."

They either peddled their hate-poison that no peace is possible, that it is, in fact, "dangerous" even to think of it. Or they took the tack that the Soviet Union is being "frightened" into talking peace! In any case, they tried to make peace a word of scorn.

But it won't work. Trygve Lie's mission emphasizes again to every honest man or woman that the Soviet Union is committed to the peaceful co-existence of the Socialist and capitalist states. This was Lenin's great teaching. It is also Stalin's.

Let the world crusade for peace go forward. Let millions of Americans unite to wage the outlawing of atomic weapons by ALL nations.

QUALIFIED

By Fred Ellis



Cops Use of Stoolies' Violates Constitution

The following is an excerpt from a statement made May 16, before the City Council Committee on Finance:

By S. W. Gerson

IT IS A MATTER of common knowledge that the Police Department fund of \$100,000 for "investigation expenses" is directed primarily against labor and so-called radical organizations. The department has a special squad—the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation. It is a lineal descendant of the old Radical Squad. It combines all of the hateful qualities of Chile Acuna and the Gestapo. It is a squad, by Police Commissioner O'Brien's own admission, used for spying and agent provocateur activities in legal organizations.

I charge that this squad is illegal, unconstitutional, undemocratic, and without any foundation in State law or the City Charter. I charge further that the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation in the Police Department uses taxpayers' money to violate the Constitution of the United States. I charge further that it has under constant surveillance and harassment people whose political opinions it does not like.

BEYOND HAVING its confidential informants in legal organizations, the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation plants agents provocateur within opposition political organizations. This is not a matter of conjecture. It is a matter of public record. Speaking before the Queens Chamber of Commerce at its regular monthly luncheon meeting at its headquarters, 24-16 Bridge Plaza South, Long Island City, Police Commissioner William F. O'Brien boasted that members of his Bureau of Special Services and Investigation had been planted inside the Communist Party and had helped to expel persons through frameup tactics. Permit me to quote from a report of the New York Times of Jan. 24, 1950, on his speech:

"Declaring that the department's Bureau of Special Services and Investigation had done yeoman work in keeping tabs on subversive organizations, the commissioner said, 'I don't think any subversive movement in this city could get very far.'"

"He explained that both men and women members of the unit had successfully joined the Communist Party and the Bund. The bureau was organized in wartime to investigate subversive groups and it has become so effective, he said, that it will never be discontinued."

He said of a policewoman who became a member of the

Communist Party. The cell became so apprehensive because of the many leaks to city and government officials. A board of inquiry was set up to find the informant. The policewoman got herself on the board and was instrumental in ousting a 'true party zealot'."

Gentlemen, this is a type of activity which the Gestapo organized against the German people and which the British Crown engaged in during the struggle against the Irish national movement. This is the kind of dirty work which the LaFollette Committee uncovered in all its odious detail when it was performed by labor spies.

OBVIOUSLY, this activity is illegal and unconstitutional. There is nothing in the City Charter or state law which permits the expenditure of City funds to spy upon or disrupt an opposition political party. This is not ordinary police work—this is political police work. By his own admission, Commissioner O'Brien sends agents provocateur into the Communist Party, and boasts about it. Obviously this activity has the effect of limiting the right of certain people to assemble freely, to meet, to organize to advance their own political program.

Therefore, the activities of Commissioner O'Brien's stool-pigeons and agents provocateur are in direct conflict with the First Amendment of the Consti-

tution, which provides for the right of people freely to speak and to assemble. This pernicious activity is directed against the right of the people to associate themselves for the advancement of a common political program.

If Commissioner O'Brien boasts that he sends his spies into the ranks of the Communist Party—which he has no right to do—who knows whether he is not sending them at the same time into the American Labor Party, the Liberal Party, and certain Republican or Democratic clubs that he regards as too progressive for his taste?

In short, gentlemen, by this appropriation you are subsidizing subversion of the Constitution. Once you sanction the use of funds for a political police to spy upon opposition political parties, you open the door for the intimidation of any and all political parties in opposition to the ruling party.

We submit these items taint the whole budget with illegality. We demand the elimination of these items from the budget and a legislative investigation of the uses made of taxpayers' funds for stoolpigeoning and agent provocateur activity among labor and progressive political organizations. Let the public know whether its funds are being used illegally for anti-democratic purposes such as stool-pigeoning, agent provocateur activity, wire-tapping, photographing of labor parades, and various and sundry other forms of surveillance!

Chamber of Commerce in Idaho Town Opposes Mundt Bill

WASHINGTON, May 18.—In St. Maries, Idaho, leaders of the Chamber of Commerce and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are opposed to the Mundt bill. Nationally these organizations support the police state measure.

The National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill today received from St. Maries a petition condemning the Mundt bill. It was signed by Lee R. Lowry, president of the St. Maries Chamber of Commerce and a county commissioner; C. Chase, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and H. E. Law, retiring commander of the local VFW post.

Other signers of the petition included L. C. Lowry, state Senator representing Benewah county, and Woodrow Barden, president of the Saint Maries local of the International Woodworkers of America. The petition called on Congress to reject the Mundt bill as a measure which would "deny freedom of speech and institute thought control."

Toledo CIO Head Calls on Reuther to Fire Gosser

By William Allan

TOLEDO, O., May 18.—UAW president Walter P. Reuther was served notice today by the right-wing president of the CIO Council here that he come in and end the corruption in the UAW machine or face charges before the national CIO. The demand by Richard L. Lazette grew out of the court case now going on against Richard Gosser, UAW international vice-president and former regional organizer here. The court case resulted from a suit by a rank and file member of UAW Local 12, John Belmen, for the return of \$21,000, allegedly made by Gosser in peculiar real estate operations.

Gosser is one of the chief red-baiters in this area, and helped Reuther win leadership of the union.

Lazette's demand upon Reuther to intervene and clean up the mess was backed by the heads of seven units of Local 12. They include such large plants as Champion Spark Plug, Autolite, Toledo Scale, Spicer Manufacturing, Toledo Pipe Threading and Toledo Steel Tube.

"There will never be a peaceful labor movement in Toledo," Lazette declared, "until Gosser and his clique are removed."

The heads of the seven units issued a joint statement, declaring: "We are strongly opposed to the dictatorial machine which engulfs the Toledo UAW."

In addition, workers in Champion, Autolite and Willlys Overland are signing petitions demanding that Gosser resign.

Reuther has declined to come to Toledo. Instead, he announced that he is sending in a committee headed by Emil Mazey, UAW secretary-treasurer. Mazey was here

four months ago and recommended that changes be made. Gosser ignored the recommendations.

Meanwhile, a strike of office workers employed by Local 12 has broken out. Gosser brought in scabs, but Randolph Gray, Local 12 financial secretary, has refused to enter the Local's offices and work with scabs.

It was reported that Gray, who has testified in court, confirmed Belmen's charges against Gosser. Gray and Lazette were reported to have received anonymous threatening phone calls.

Public Housewarming For People's Drama

At New Home May 29

On Monday, May 29, a "dark" night for most theatres, People's Drama will be lit up. There will be a public housewarming for the group in its new home, an arena theatre at 212 Eldridge St. Prominent writers and theatre artists such as John O'Shaughnessy, Brett Warren, Herbert Aptheker and Frank Silvera will speak on the present status of People's Theatre and possible coordinated efforts of off-Broadway groups to bring theatre to hitherto unexploited audiences. The audience will be invited to participate in the forum-discussion. Refreshments will be served. Admission 75 cents.

Kitchen Kues

SARDINE AND EGG SPREAD APPETIZER

1/2 cup mashed sardines
1/2 cup grated egg yolk
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
4 tablespoons mayonnaise or salad dressing

Mix ingredients together forming a paste. Spread on bread cut in desired shapes. Garnish with grated egg yolk, strips of pimento and parsley. This spread will cover 36 small canapes.

SMOKED SALMON ROLLS

1 7 oz. can smoked salmon
1 teaspoon horse-radish
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon onion, grated
4 tablespoons mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 cup prepared pastry mix.
Paprika

Drain salmon and flake. Add seasonings and mayonnaise and blend into a paste. Prepare pastry according to directions on package. Roll very thin. Spread pastry with salmon mixture and cut into strips 2x3 inches. Roll in jelly roll fashion. Score top of rolls with a fork and sprinkle with paprika. Bake in a hot oven 425 degrees F. for about 15 minutes or until brown. Serve hot or cold. Makes approximately 36 two-inch rolls.

TUNA FISH A LA KING IN PUFF SHELLS

1 13 oz. can tuna fish
1/4 cup green pepper, diced
3 tablespoons fat
3 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons pimento, diced
1/2 teaspoon salt

Drain tuna and flake. Cook pepper in melted fat until tender. Add flour and stir until blended; add milk gradually and cook until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Add flaked fish, pimento and salt. Heat thoroughly.

Cut the tops off the puff shells and fill with the creamed fish mixture. Sprinkle with paprika or chopped parsley. Fill 36 puff shells.

Any creamed fish or shellfish mixture may be used in place of the Tuna A La King.

TUNA SALAD WITH BACON

2-7 oz. can tuna flakes
8 slices-cooked bacon, shredded
1 onion, minced
1 cup diced celery
Pinch of thyme
1 head oscarole, torn in pieces
4 tablespoons lemon juice
French dressing to moisten
Toss tuna flakes, bacon, onion, celery and seasoning together, chill. Add remaining ingredients, mix lightly.

FOOD TIP

Muffins and soft rolls may be heated in the top part of a double boiler.

TONITE!

"TITO, Traitor to Peace"

By JOSEPH CLARK
Foreign Editor, Daily Worker
8:30 P.M. — 10 P.M.
121 W. 44th St.
STUDENT CONFERENCE
LARGE YOUTH LEAGUE

CIO's Witchhunt 'Trial' of ILWU In 2nd Day

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The CIO's rightwing leadership continued for a second day the witch-hunt "trial" of the progressive International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

CIO research official Everett Kassalow presented a mass of photostats of stories culled from the ILWU's newspaper and the Daily Worker to the CIO's kangaroo court.

The photostats were part of the so-called "evidence" that the ILWU had "paralleled" the policies of the Communist Party. Slated to testify before the "court" is William Steinberg, president of the American Radio Association, who presented the charges against the union and is also acting as prosecutor.

The "trial" is slated to continue for at least another day.

A group of rank and file members of the CIO National Maritime Union yesterday sent a protest to CIO President Philip Murray, condemning the "rigged trial" of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.

The protest, signed by 31 seamen who listed their union book numbers, declared: "With all maritime labor threatened by Supreme Court and shipowner attacks, sea-

men want and need greater unity and fighting strength, not disruption and splitting of our ranks." Urging full mobilization of the entire CIO to save the hiring hall, the seamen demanded an "end of the CIO's version of the Washington witch-hunt."

Peace Rally in Washington May 25

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A rally to "build peace—not bombs" will be held here Thursday, May 25, under auspices of the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia. Speakers include Prof. Philip Morrison, atomic scientist formerly with the Manhattan Project, I. F. Stone, Daily Compass columnist and Mrs. Sonora Lawson, a vice-president of the Progressive Party. The rally will be held at Laborers Hall, 525 New Jersey Ave., NW at 8 p.m.

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What's On?

Tonight Manhattan

HAITIAN AMERICAN ARTISTS SOCIETY—Night in Haiti. Hotel Diplomat, Grand Ballroom, May 19, 10 p.m. Steve Samuel's Calypso Orchestra; Pearl Primas and Group; Bill Greaves; Fred Thomas; Cimber, others. Admission \$1.50 advance, \$1.75 at door, including tax. Tables for parties available. Best Seat, 133 W. 44th St. Reservations FO 4-7842.

THE RAINMAKERS will not be with the Civil Rights Congress May 19, 20, 21. Join Hope Faye and other outstanding entertainers for a relaxing weekend with good friends at Fur Workers Resort, White Lake, New York. Hurry! Hurry! \$14-\$15.50-\$17 for entire weekend. Make your reservations now. Call OR 9-1657 or send \$5 deposit, ORG. 22 W. 26th St., N. Y. C.

"COUNTY FAIR" . . . May 19, 20 and 21 at 13 Aster Place. Beautiful handicrafts and artworks to buy; prizes to win in games and contests; music, dancing, clowns, food. Something for everybody—Kids and parents alike. 50¢ at door; 50¢ for a 3-day pass; children under 10 free. —N.Y. County ALP and American Comm. Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists.

"TITO, TRAITOR TO PEACE" hear Joseph Clark, Foreign Editor, Daily Worker, Friday Night, May 19, 8:30 p.m. Dancing, 107 W. 109th St. Student Conference LYL. Admission: Subscription to "Challenge" or "New Foundations" (\$1.00). "HARLEM QUARTERLY" presents a symposium, "Should Negro Writers Confine Themselves to Negro Themes." Speakers: Howard Fast, Theodore Ward, Harrison Smith, Constance Curtis, et al. Moderator: Jean Blackwell. Place: Community Center, 31 West 110th St., Friday, May 19th, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Subs. 75¢ at door. Dancing afterward.

FOLK DANCING of many nations; beginners, advanced, fun. Rose Siew, director. Cultural Folk Dance Group, 128 East 16th St.

Tonight Bronx

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Tonight Brooklyn

DAVID FLATT will speak on "Hollywood," tonight at Lodge 517, JFPO, East Flatbush Center, 1121 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn. Admission free, everyone invited.

Tomorrow Manhattan

THE MIDTOWN FILM CIRCLE presents a special revival of the Soviet film masterpiece "Childhood of Maxim Gorky," directed by Mark Donskoy. Adapted from Gorky's autobiography. "A movie of extraordinary strength and tenderness." —New Masses. Introductory remarks and program notes by David Platt. Saturday and Sunday, May 20th and 21st. Two showings each night, 2:30 and 10:30 p.m., at 77 Fifth Ave. (at 15th St.), N.Y.C. Social, refreshments. Subs. 50¢ tax incl.

GRAND SLAM Pre-union sessions (with Polka Chops)—Dancing and entertainment. Saturday, May 20, 8:30 p.m., 107 W. 109th St. Sponsored by Student LYL. Dos. 50¢ or a subscription to "Challenge."

ACADEMIC RIGHTS DANCE-A-ROUND presented by American Folkways Group with Pete Seeger and the Weavers. Square and folk dancing with Freddie, George and Bernice calling. Saturday, May 20, 1950, 250 W. 26th St. 8:30 p.m. Instruction fee 50¢.

AWAKE AND SING last three performances of the Clifford Odets classic. Presented by the Jefferson Theater Workshop this Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, May 19, 20, 21, 8:30 p.m., 26th St. and 6th Ave. Admission \$1.00 tax incl. See for yourselves what critics have called extraordinarily effective performances. . . . as notable as its predecessors.

ANOTHER GREAT People's Artist party with the sensational Hector Bailey and his electric guitar. Harry Berlow and others. Dancing, refreshments. Sat., May 20, 9 p.m. 106 E. 14th St. Adm. 75¢.

EDGE OF THE WORLD. Michael Powell's exciting human drama. "One of the most thrilling and beautiful films we have seen in many a moon"—Scholastic. Three showings: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 p.m. Also social all evening. New membership fee \$1.00. Saturday Night Film Club, 111 W. 88th St.

"WELCOME BACK—'hello-oodys' Revue" with Jerry Jarrett, Ruth Tarson, Bill Korf, Jimmy Bernstein, all in the Great! Dancing and refreshments at People's Drama Studios, 17 W. 24th St. Saturday Eve., May 20 at 9 p.m. non-members 90¢.

HAPPY TIME at Jefferson. Hear Charles Bailey and Bob Clayburne (dancing, music, food, fun). Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund Marxist Institute. Jefferson School Lounge, Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Subscription 75¢.

SADIE VAN WEN, Hesh Bernardi and members of Freedom Theatre are having a party! You are invited. Early and late entertainment for night owls. Dancing, refreshments. Studio—122 University Pl. near 15th St. Subs. 75¢.

Coming

PREMIERE PERFORMANCE of new musical play, "There Was A Victory," (about Peekskill) plus "Freedom Bound" (direct from successful tour from New York to Chicago with Freedom Theater), at Camp Unity, Decoration Day Weekend. For reservations call AL 4-5024.

HERBERT APHTEKER will speak on Negro-Jewish Unity in the fight for peace. Sunday, May 21, 8:30 p.m. Auspices: Jefferson Center, 201 W. 72nd St., N.Y.C.

DOUBLE TREAT! See Ted Ward's "John Brown" and join in after discussion with Sidney Finkelstein, David Alman, other prominent writers. Sunday, May 21, 2:30 p.m. Tickets at box office, 212 Eldridge St. Then on to socially significant appetizing dinner and entertainment at Rothbaum's 105 Lexington Ave. (28th St.) Sec. 55, Writers, Cultural Division.

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SCHOOL BOARD FLEES

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tant's salary was set by the Board at \$1,800 a month. Moss said the consultant would be appointed June 1.

The maneuver by the Board to bring an "outsider" into the school system to serve as trial examiner is an attempt to give the trials of the Teachers Union leaders the appearance of "impartiality."

When speakers from the floor strongly objected to the Board's attempt to railroad through the amendment without public discussion, and at a time when teachers were unable to attend, since the meeting was held during school hours, the Board members rushed out of the auditorium, led by Jansen and Board member George Timone.

The meeting reached its climax when Mrs. Rose Russell, legislative representative of the Teachers Union, charged the Board with "the worst example of duplicity, subterfuge, chicanery and disrespect for the law." Timone repeatedly interrupted Mrs. Russell.

"Your action today will only bring your reputation lower than it is now," asserted Mrs. Russell.

Moss attempted to cut her off and refused to hear other speakers on the resolution. Arthur Schut-zer, ALP secretary, who refused to be downed by Moss, asserted that the speakers had requested time in advance and should be heard.

FEAR TRUTH

"This is the most disgraceful performance," said Schut-zer, as pandemonium broke out. "The Board is running out because it is afraid to hear the truth."

The speakers were ordered by a police guard to leave the hall.

Speakers who tried to gain the floor, in addition to Schut-zer, were, Charles Silberman, of the American Communications Association; Bernard Menter, Local 140, United Furniture Workers; Ada Jackson, of the Schools Council of Bedford-Stuyvesant and Williamsburgh; and Esther Letz, of the United Labor Committee to Defeat Taft-Hartley.

After the meeting broke up, Mrs. Russell told the press that the Board's action was "a most dangerous signal" for teachers in that it seeks to change the law without permitting public discussions.

Moss failed to answer Witt's question during the meeting on whether the special consultant would have to take a competitive civil-service examination.

Moss told the press that the Civil Service Commission would have to approve the Board's action, and noted that it was most likely that it would. The budget director, he said, would be asked for the funds. He added the trials of the teachers would be held at the discretion of the trial examiner. Mrs. Russell's question as to whether the trial would be held during the summer went without answer from Moss during the meeting.

Schut-zer, Silberman, Minter and Miss Letz declared in a statement, "after starting the meeting an hour late, the Board arrogantly rose in a body after allowing only 15 minutes of discussion with continuous interruption by Board members."

"To the illegality of the Timone resolution, which seeks to bar the Union from representing school personnel, and the suspension of the eight teachers, the Board is now adding the illegality of a trial procedure specifically prohibited in the Education law. This attempt to stifle public opposition will fail."

They called for a mass turnout at a protest rally Wednesday, June 14, in front of City Hall, to defend the rights of public workers.

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UOPW Parley

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it came from groups of delegates known to be far from friends of Communism.

Richard Lewis, of Los Angeles, described the frame-up of Harry Bridges as a preview of the operation of the Mundt bill. Carlotta Ruffus, of Chicago Local 24, one of the union's young Negro leaders, pointed out that on the basis of the bill persons would be subject to persecution because they favored relief for striking miners, abolition of the H-bomb or struggle for Negro rights, because the Communist Party, too, supports those struggles.

OK DEFENSE TAX

The convention approved, without a dissenting vote, a tax designed to raise an estimated \$100,000 to finance the union's defense and mobilization funds. The tax is \$1 for those earning up to \$25; \$4 for those up to \$49.99 and \$6 for \$50 and over.

The decision came after a spirited discussion and despite earlier differences. A speech by President Durkin for the assessment brought the delegates to their feet with prolonged cheers as he called for approval in order to give substance to the program of organizing the unorganized already decided upon.

Durkin warned that the sharpest stage of the struggle for existence facing all unions is yet to come. The union's strongest defense, he said, is an advance in new unorganized fields. He noted that there are some who say "new organization cannot be achieved" at this time. He warned "there is no hole deep enough to hide in."

"You can't squirm, you can't look for easy ways out," he said to those who hoped to avoid a tax. "You have got to go to your locals and convince the members."

Arthur Osman, president of the Distributive Trades Union, spoke along the same lines as he described to the delegates the way his union in the wholesale, warehouse and department store field survived raids and employer attacks after building up a militant rank and file fighting force.

While his union has defeated all major attacks, he said, it still does not feel secure, Osman said, warning of more serious days ahead. He likened the struggle of the UOPWA to his own union's and stressed both have much in common.

Friday's concluding session is scheduled to take up the peace, political and several other resolutions as well as elect officers.

ACW Parley

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tration of all eligible voters; removal of Robert N. Denham from his post as general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board; repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act; and a declaration to organize the unorganized.

The convention also backed the participation of the CIO in the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions set up to split the world unity of labor.

WORLD OF LABOR, the column by George Maritz, labor editor, appears every day in the Daily Worker.

Acheson

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"plot" through its intelligence agents.

Last week it was revealed that this "information" came from Karl Schumacher, leader of the Social Democratic Party, who was described as having an "excellent intelligence network" in eastern Germany.

At any rate, on March 14, the west Berlin civil authorities issued a call for "civilian volunteers" to back up police in "protecting" the western sectors of the city from the young people.

On March 29, the political affairs division of the U. S. High Commissioner's office in Berlin asserted that the Free German Youth in eastern Germany were receiving military, revolutionary and guerrilla warfare training. It was estimated that the Free German youth numbered at least a million between 14 and 24, and that there were 900,000 young pioneers, ages six to 14. Sensational headlines were given to a report that insurance companies in the Soviet zone were instructed to insure the lives of some 500,000 youth who were to make the march.

A CLEAR STATEMENT

Newspapers in east Germany printed statements by officials of the Free German Youth movement and of the government denying that the rally had any aims other than those publicly announced—to demonstrate for a free, united and democratic Germany and for peace.

On April 2, it was announced in western Germany that "western intelligence reports" revealed that the German Communists had "changed their minds." They had "decided to keep the rally peaceful" because "Russia had decided it was too early to take over the entire city."

Two weeks later the American press and members of Congress were still whooping it up concerning the impending "bloodshed" in Berlin on Whitsuntide. Gradually, however, the "march on Berlin" petered out of U. S. newspapers.

This version of the events leaves much material for speculation.

What did Schumacher and the Social Democrats expect to gain by palming off such a phoney document on the western powers?

Were they seeking new bribes as the most "effective fighters against Communism?"

Were the U. S. intelligence officers and the State Department taken in by the hoax at any time? Even a simpleton should recognize the falsity of such an illiterate forgery.

Is it possible the U. S. authorities used this document to stir up hysteria, despite their knowledge that it was a fake?

Of course, its fraudulence was bound to emerge. Was the Acheson off-the-record speech any attempt to "make a record," as they say here, against the time when the hoax was revealed?

Truman

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when he went to Belgium in November.

It was recalled here that Johnson went to Europe last fall to confer with the military leaders of West European governments participating in the Atlantic war pact. He discussed with them their needs for arms and military equipment under the military assistance program for which Congress had earlier appropriated more than a billion dollars. At the same time it is believed he laid the groundwork for the "one West European Army" which was announced in London today.

Truman's description of Johnson's purpose, therefore, indicated that he will seek to develop a Pacific military alliance directed against the USSR and China, which will be armed by the U.S.

At the same time, the State De-

partment announced the assignment of John Foster Dulles as its chief adviser on Far Eastern matters. Dulles, it is understood, will assist Johnson and Gen. Omar Bradley on their trip to Japan next month.

Dulles, representing the Republican interests clamoring for immediate arms and money to assist Chiang Kai-shek and other reactionaries in the Far East, will also aid developing plans to ship arms and munitions to the imperialist forces in French Indo-China under the agreement reached with the French government last week.

FEPC Vote

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his statements indicated that it isn't.

If the 64 votes to close debate are obtained, a second vote will be required to bring FEPC up and make it the pending Senate business. That vote is a simple majority ballot. If that is successful, then Dixiecrats will begin a new filibuster.

Sen. Russell Long (D-La.) said the Southerners are prepared to talk for six months, if necessary, to prevent FEPC from passing the Senate. The Republicans, are prepared to back a substitute measure advanced by Sen. Robert Taft (R-O) to make FEPC "voluntary" instead of "compulsory" as the

present bill provides. The measure's "compulsory" features extend to the issuance of a cease and desist order against employers practicing discrimination.

CLEVELAND, O., May 18.—Vice-President Alben Barkley, speaking before the Amalgamated Clothing Workers convention late today, said: "I cannot predict the outcome" when the vote arises tomorrow in the Senate to close debate on the FEPC bill.

"The move to invoke cloture requires 64 votes," he said. "I hope they will be available but I can't guarantee it at this time."

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Chinese Protest Persecution of 'Hollywood 10'

PEKING, China (NCNA).—The persecution of 10 U.S. screen writers and directors who are under the threat of imprisonment has called forth a vigorous protest from China's leading film, literary and art workers.

The All China Federation of Literature and Arts Circles and the All China Association of Cinema Workers issued a statement on

April 25 expressing "wholehearted support for the righteous stand of John Howard Lawson and nine other film workers, and indignant opposition to the increasingly naked anti-democratic, fascist and criminal actions of the reactionary American ruling class."

This statement follows the refusal by the Supreme Court of the U.S.A. to retry the case of

John Howard Lawson, Dalton Trumbo and eight of their colleagues. In October, 1947, these progressive and well-known Hollywood writers and directors were hauled before the vicious Committee on Un-American Activities which had loudly proclaimed its intention of investigating the degree of Communist influence in the Hollywood film industry.

The Hollywood 10, protecting the democratic rights of the American people, firmly refused to answer the committee's questions about their relations with trade unions or politics. In consequence, they were arraigned for contempt of Congress and, in April, 1948, were sentenced to at least one year's imprisonment and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine. The case

has dragged on since and now, in defiance of public opinion, the Supreme Court has turned down their appeal.

"Together with the majority of the American people and the people of the world who love peace and support democracy," the statement concludes, "we will carry on the struggle on behalf of these courageous film workers until justice is done."

Music:

DEAN DIXON SYMPHONIC CONCERT TO AID AFRICANS

The proceeds of New York's first concert of symphonic music composed entirely by Negroes of this country, Latin America and Africa, to be presented at Town Hall, this Sunday, 2:30 p.m., May 21, will be sent to aid a maternity hospital directed by an African physician in the poverty-ridden reserve areas of the Union of South Africa and to provide help for the cultural work being done among African children in the same country by the Bantu composer and musician, Michael M. Moerane.

The concert by the New York Chamber Orchestra under the direction of the noted conductor, Dean Dixon, is sponsored by the African Aid Committee of which Dr. W. E. B. DuBois is chairman.

Organized a year ago, this Committee is an independent, non-political organization sponsored by leading Negro and white citizens throughout the United States.

ONE OF THE FEATURED works to be heard at Town Hall on May 21 will be the American premiere of "Fatale la Heso," tone poem composed by Michael M. Moerane, South African Bantu. The score of this work was sent by the composer to the African Aid Committee specifically for this concert.

Among other Negro composers whose works will be heard are the

American Negroes Ulysses and William Grant Still; Francisco Manuel de Silva, who composed the national anthem of Brazil; and Father Jose Maurico Munoz Garcia, who was in the early 19th century Director of the Cathedral of Rio de Janeiro and Director of Music of the Royal Chapel.

On the display at Town Hall at the time of the concert will be an exhibition of the authentic arts and crafts of African, West Indian, Haitian and young American Negro craftsmen, a ranged and presented by Afro-Arts Bazaar, Inc.

Tickets and further information concerning the concert may be secured from the African Aid Committee, 23 W. 26 St., MUrray Hill 3-6209. Tickets are also available at Afro-Arts Bazaar, Inc., 9 W. 125 St.; Book Fair, 1333 W. 44 St.; and Town Hall Box Office.

Photo League's 'Crazy Camera Ball'

On Saturday evening, May 20, the Photo League is once again running its annual Crazy Camera Ball, a costume party to which people come dressed as their favorite photograph. The evening, says the League, will be full of fun, games, skits, dancing, entertainment and prizes. Admission \$1 in costume, \$1.25 to others.

Aptheker Forum

Winding up a forum series on themes of special interest to the Jewish community, which included among its speakers such authorities as Moses Miller, William Levner, and Morris U. Schappes, the West Side Marxist Forum announces for its final lecture of the season the appearance of Dr. Herbert Aptheker on "Negro-Jewish Unity in the Fight for Peace."

The forum takes place Sunday, May 21, at 8:30 p.m., at the Jefferson Center, 891 W. 72 St., Manhattan. Admission is 25 cents. The forum is conducted under the auspices of the Communist Party of the 5th Assembly District, N. Y.

'Welldigger's Daughter'

The French film "Welldigger's Daughter," directed by Marcel Pagnol and starring Raimu, Fernandel and Charpin is being shown this Saturday night by the Saturday Night Film Club at 111 W. 86 St. There will be three showings and a social starting at 8:30 p.m.

Next Attraction

At The Stanley

The Stanley Theatre announces that its next attraction will be the Broadway premiere of a Jewish language film: "His Wife's Lover," starring the Jewish comedian, Ludwig Satz. Originally shown downtown without English titles, the musical-comedy has been revised and equipped with complete English titles by George Rolland for its Stanley premiere. The cast also includes such Yiddish stage and screen celebrities as Lucy Levine, Isidore Cashier, Michael Rosenberg, Jacob Frank and Lilian Feinman. Jewish Films Company is distributing the picture, which will follow the Stanley's present film "The Victors and the Vanquished."

Patterson, Fast at

People's Artists Meeting

William Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, Peter Seeger, outstanding people's singer, and Howard Fast will address a special membership meeting of People's Artists tonight, Friday, 8:30, at the organization's headquarters, 106 E. 14 St.

The composer and performer members of People's Artists will discuss plans for setting up cultural units to operate in the political and economic campaigns of unions and mass organizations. Special emphasis will be given to the creation of cultural units for the Marcantonio campaign and to the struggles for peace and civil rights.

CRC Theatre Party

The Civil Rights Congress has taken a theatre party for the new Jay Corney topical revue "These Are the Times" this Sunday evening (May 21), at the President Theatre, 247 W. 45 St. Tickets are \$2, \$3, \$4. They are available at the CRC office, 23 W. 26 St., or phone, OR. 9-1657.

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On Stage:

People's Theatre Movement and the Negro

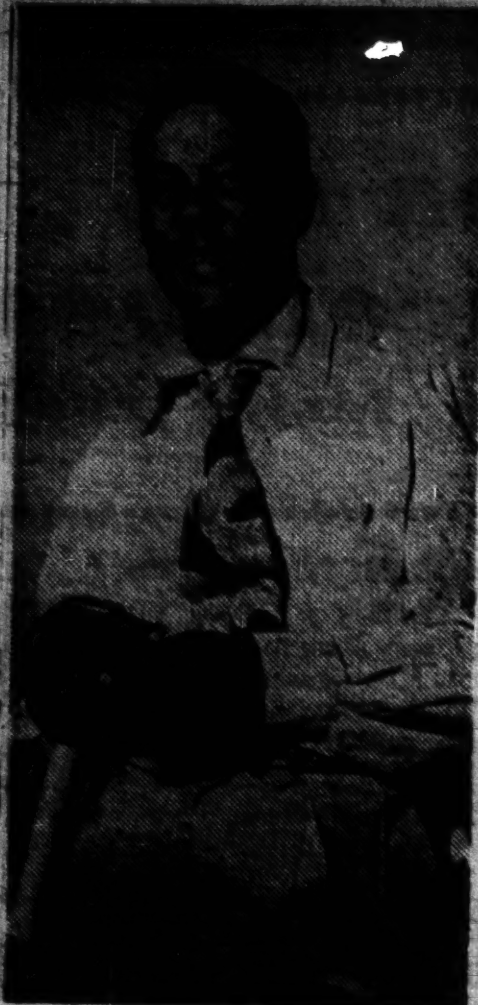
By Bernard Rubin

"BROADWAY IS DEAD!"

This statement was made by Theodore Ward, America's outstanding Negro playwright, author of that passionately eloquent play, John Brown, now being produced by People's Drama. He said it at a forum arranged by the Jefferson Theatre Workshop, which has been running a beautifully done revival of Clifford Odets' Awake and Sing! Ward was referring to the fact that Broadway was dead as far as the possibility of putting on plays which would reach the people with the truth about the struggles of the Negro people—or of the people generally. Other Negro artists and leaders of the Committee for the Negro in the Arts were speaking up on the fight for the rights of the Negro artist in the theatre and the fight against stereotypes.

THE QUESTION had come up about whether it was "right" to cast a Negro in an "all-white" character play like Awake and Sing. There was insistence by the Negro artists, and Howard Fast and the Daily Worker drama critic, that casting Negroes only for Negro roles and barring them from other roles because of their color, was only another concession to stereotype, only another way to prevent Negroes from their rightful place in the theatre. People stayed until after two in the morning listening and joining in the discussion. People went home thinking and word spread around. Other forums were held.

ONE OF the very fine aspects of the young and struggling people's theatre movement of this period is its drive, although still not strong enough—particularly in



THEODORE WARD

its inner organizational setups—to tackle Jim Crow and white chauvinism.

People's theatre groups, which had risen in painful struggle against the iron curtain which Broadway had erected between the truth and theatre, had already made some significant dents in that curtain. People's Drama had put on a revival of They Shall Not Die, an expose of the Scottsboro case framed against innocent Negroes, which immediately became a weapon against the frame-up of the six Trenton Negroes. The

enemies of the people recognized the effectiveness of the weapon and People's Drama had to fight physical attacks in New York and police censorship in New Jersey. The Caravan Group during the Wallace campaign, toured the country, including the South, with its message of unity against the forces which split and oppress the people. Camp Unity's Freedom Theatre has had a mobile group bringing the same message to different sections of New York and, lately, to the mining and industrial areas of the eastern states. Fraternal Arts Theatre is active in Brooklyn. Harlem Unity Theatre started out last season against tremendous odds with a program of one-act plays with the same message. Some of the groups served in the Ben Davis campaign. All of them were faced with the heartbreaking handicaps imposed by the lack of finances and discriminatory municipal regulations putting up barriers to their most effective functioning.

Yet the people's theatre demanded more and more of itself. There began to be recognition and self-criticism of the fact, as reflected in that Jefferson Workshop Forum, that it had still been too slow and too backward in fully integrating the Negro artist into its organizations and productions.

A very important step was taken by People's Drama in undertaking their production of Theodore Ward's play, John Brown. Another milestone was achieved in the casting of Herb Tank's fine, new play, Longitude 49. For the first time, in this period, a Negro actor, Frank Silvera, a distinguished artist, was cast as the white lead in a new play dealing



FRANK SILVERA

with a modern social theme. Silvera is giving a magnificent performance.

I asked Herb Tank, who staged his show, to say something to our readers about this new development. Here it is, in his own words:

"In casting, as in every other phase of production, the insurgent theatre (I object to the 'off-Broadway' classification) must cut itself off completely from the theory and practices of Broadway. The growth of real rebel theatre is dependent on the growth of the people's movement. Just as the people's movement must root itself in the strength, resistance and capacities of the Negro people, so must people's theatre. I think it's as simple as that.

"Clearly the first step in developing an audience among the

Negro people for insurgent theatre is the fullest utilization of their talent. And, just as clearly, best utilization must mean an end to Jim Crow casting.

"The fact that this position had to be initiated and spearheaded in large part by the Negro artists themselves is cause for sharp criticism of the theatre groups that have been functioning in recent years. And, self-critically, it should be pointed out that it was as a result of this struggle initiated by Negro artists that when it came time to cast the lead in Longitude 49, the old Irish seamen, we cast the most capable actor available, Frank Silvera, a Negro. Had it not been for the discussions and the demands raised by the Negro artists themselves, the people's theatre movement, still blinded by Broadway Jim Crow casting attitudes, might not have had one of the richest and most satisfying performances seen in many years.

"Frank Silvera, as Maguire in Longitude 49, is the first Negro actor to play a leading white role in a new play on a contemporary theme. As a result, the content of the play was deepened and sharpened, and I will state emphatically that the content of any really honest play cannot help but be strengthened by this kind of casting. It is inherent in the kind of plays we must write, the kind of theatre we must build, and particularly the kind of audiences within which we must root ourselves for real nourishment."

Well, our space is up, but next Friday we'll have interviews on this subject with Theodore Ward, Frank Silvera and more on the individual groups and their problems.

Today's Films:

Movie Version of 'Annie Get Your Gun'

ONE OF THE BIGGEST and most successful Broadway musicals of the last decade arrived in movie form at the Loew's State yesterday. Irving Berlin's Annie Get Your Gun with Ethel Merman as Annie Oakley was a lot of fun on the stage, lavish, funny and full of good tunes without ever breaking through the old musical formula. MGM's version while frequently funny and certainly lavish hasn't found a substitute for Merman in Betty Hutton and attempts to create a lot of objectionable humor about the Indians of its wild west show.

Where the stage musical skirted perilously close in its treatment of backwoods people and Indians, the movie rushes in full force, so that whole chunks of the movie rest on a stream of chauvinisms. Broadway avoids this kind of humor out of sophistication, not good sense. Hollywood has no standards to hold it back, so that a musical that could be highly entertaining is ruined by simple stupidity if not malevolence.

Otherwise Annie Get Your Gun follows the stage show faithfully and keeps all the tunes like There's No Business Like Show Business, You Can't Get A Man With A Gun

and the others. And the story of the backwoods girl who comes to town one day when the wild west show has just pitched its tents and outshoots its star, Frank Butler, is still full of funny situations.

But like most Broadway musicals it is built around its star role and much of Annie Get Your Gun depends upon the showmanship of Annie. Ethel Merman is, in her way, incomparable. When she plants herself at stage center there isn't anyone in the audience who will stir until she finishes her song. She's also an expert comedian, combining one of the most forward and brash manners with an acute knowledge of what to underplay or throw away. When she sings 'Doin' What Comes Naturally' she punctuated it hilariously with only one laconic leg movement.

Betty Hutton is the opposite of this. She puts everything she has into every little bit she's given. She will throw away nothing, mugs every syllable of song and is in constant violent motion to illustrate every word she says or sings. As a friend of ours said, she makes you itch. She learned nothing from the rest of the cast, Louis Calhern, Howard Keel, Benny Venuta, Keenan Wynn, all of whom are smooth and relaxed.

Nevertheless it is still fun to hear the old songs and see the shooting matches. But the movie has added nothing good to the musical and has missed every opportunity for good comedy and none for bad. For example, its scene with Queen Victoria watching the wild west show was an opportunity for satire not to be missed. But it was. Annie Get Your Gun is respectful to crown heads but mighty superior with Indians. —J. Y.

Platt Speaks on Movies in Brooklyn Tonight

David Platt will speak on Hollywood and the Cold War tonight (Friday) at the East Flatbush Lodge 517, Jewish People's Fraternal Order, 1124 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, at 8:00. Admission is free.

Last 3 Performances Of 'Awake and Sing'

The last three performances of the Jefferson Theatre Workshop production of "Awake and Sing" will be given this Friday, Saturday and Sunday night at 16 St. and Sixth Ave. Admission \$1.00 (tax included).

Don't Throw Stones At 'Glass Mountain'—It's Fragile

IT TOOK three script writers to work out the plot of The Glass Mountain, the new British movie at the 60th Street Trans-Lux. They must have been reluctant to confess their best ideas to each other: they have come out with one of the oldest and most Victorian of love stories although it's supposed to be happening today.

It's the story of the comfortably married Englishman who falls in love with a foreigner, indulges his passion for a moment, and then, with a small, polite wrench, goes back to his well bred wife. This time the hero is a composer, for artists, you know old boy, are more liable to go in for that sort of thing.

Besides it isn't as if he sought out this dashed uncomfortable adventure. He crashed in the Italian mountains during the war and Valentina Cortese just happened to be in the partisan group that picked him up. So did Tito Gobbi. The experience inspired him to write an opera which Gobbi performs in Florence just when Florence is thirsty for new operas, and just when the movie needs badly to be rescued from the doldrums. The opera didn't do it. —J. Y.

Ward's 'John Brown' Performed on Weekend

Theodore Ward's "John Brown" is being performed this Saturday and Sunday matinee and evening at People's Drama Theatre 212 Eldridge St. (Houston and Second Avenue). For tickets to these and other performances call OR 3-4374.

Tank's 'Longitude 49' Acted This Weekend

Herb Tank's "Longitude 49" is being performed this Friday, Saturday and Sunday night and Sunday matinee at Czechoslovak House, 347 E. 72 St. For reservations call RH 4-9273.

Two Tsiang Plays This Weekend

H. T. Tsiang's plays "Canton Ricshaw" and "Hanging in Union Square," which ran for five years on the west coast will be performed this Saturday and Sunday nights at 8:45 at Malin Studios, 225 W. 46 St. Pearl Sommer stars in the plays with the author.

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SAM WANAMAKER: "People's Drama with" their production of John Brown blows a gust of fresh air into the stale atmosphere of Broadway"
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IRVIN GRAND SLAMS, GIANTS WIN 10-4

Returned Slugger, Bobby Thomson Lead Attack—Hartung Wins in Rain

Those Giants, looking suspiciously as though they have made the turnabout with the advent of Monte Irvin and the revival of Bobby Thomson, whaled the Chicago Cubs 10-4 yesterday in the midst of a Polo Grounds drizzle, thus winning the first series of their home stand. The six inning affair, started under lowering skies and played mostly in the rain, featured a grand slam home run by Irvin, the slugging returnee from Jersey City. In addition, Monte rapped out a run scoring single to wind up with five big rbis for the day. Thomson, whose early slump had shackled the Giants, continued to beat his way back to 1949 form with two singles and a double.

It was a wild ballgame all around, with two grand slams, a run scoring balk by a pitcher trying to give an intentional walk, an officially protested game and the ejection of manager Frank Frisch by ump Lon Warneke.

Clint Hartung hurled impressive ball until the 6th, when leading by 6-0 he yielded two singles and a walk and then was clouted for the game's first grand slam, a liner into the lower right field seats by catcher Walker. The Giants bounced right back with their four and then the umps called time.

The Giants built up their lead early off southpaw Johnny Schmitz. Successive singles by Thomson, Rigney and Westrum in the 2d and Dark's scoring grounder accounted for two in the second. Hits by Stanky and Thomson around a couple of infield outs made it 3-0 in the third. In a wild 5th, they scored three more. Lockman doubled with one away and came in when Irvin singled to right. Pafko dropped Thomson's long drive to center for a double and right-hander Dubiel was brought in. Henry Thompson batted for Rigney at this juncture, and with first open, the Cubs decided to walk him. Catcher Walker stepped aside, maskless, but as Dubiel delivered the wide toss, Warneke signaled a balk on the new non-stop rule, Irvin trotting home and Thomson taking third. The infuriated Cubs stormed the plate ump in vain, Frisch finally getting the heave-ho. The game was officially protested—a hopeless gesture. Thompson then delivered the third run with a long fly.

The Cubs retaliated with their four runs to make it close again, but the newly powered Giants struck back quickly. Tookie Gilbert walked, and after Johnny Jorgenson flied out in his Giant debut as a pinch hitter for Hartung, Stanky rapped his second single. This brought lefty Johnny Vandermeer to the scene, and he walked Lockman to fill the bases. With Irvin coming to bat, Vandy was summarily yanked for the veteran righthanded knucklebacker Dutch Leonard.

Irvin missed one knucker then timed another perfectly and it flew far and fast into the deep upper reaches of the left field stands. The small house and the Giant dugout gave the Giant rookie a rousing hand as he came around the bases with homer number one on the record. He will play rightfield for some time, no matter how they pitch. The Giants need that big punch and he looks like he has it.

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Schmitz, Dubiel (5), Vandermeer (6), Leonard (6) and Walker. Hartung and Westrum. Losing pitcher, Schmitz. Home runs—Walker, Irvin.

DODGER RALLY WINS 9-8

The Dodgers rallied spectacularly yesterday at Ebbets Field coming from behind an 8-0 deficit in the 8th to win 9-8 and sweep the three-game series with the St. Louis Cards. The Dodgers rapped Pollet in the 8th with four, spearheaded by Furillo's three-run homer. Then they crashed out five big runs in the ninth to win. Joe Hatten was knocked out of the box early in the game.

Jim Russell, leading off for the Dodgers in the ninth, drove one off Staley to right center for a double. Jackie Robinson doubled and Russell came home. Furillo popped out to Stan Musial at first base, for the only Dodger out of the inning.

Gil Hodges singled and Duke Snider drew a walk, loading the bases. With a grounder down to Claviano, Roy Campanella scored Robinson. Then Eddie Miksis, in the game for Billy Cox, who had given way to an eighth-inning pinch hitter, slammed one down to Claviano. Claviano made the try for Hodges at the plate but threw too wide for Del Rice, the catcher.

The bases were loaded again, Snider on third, Campanella on second and Miksis on first. Pee-Wee Reese drove a hot grounder between Claviano's legs and on out into left field. Snider and Campanella scored, ending the ball game.

STANDINGS

(Not including yesterday)

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	C.B.
Philadelphia	16	9	—
Brooklyn	14	9	1
St. Louis	13	11	2½
Chicago	11	10	3
Boston	13	12	3½
Pittsburgh	13	13	3½
New York	7	12	6
Cincinnati	6	17	9

GAMES TODAY

Pittsburgh at Brooklyn (nite)
Cincinnati at New York (nite)
St. Louis at Boston (nite)
Chicago at Philly (nite)

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	C.B.
New York	16	8	—
Detroit	14	7	½
Boston	18	11	½
Washington	14	10	2
Cleveland	12	11	3½
Philadelphia	9	15	7
St. Louis	5	15	9
Chicago	5	16	9½

GAMES TODAY

New York at Chicago (nite)
Boston at Cleveland (nite)
Philadelphia at Detroit
Washington at St. Louis



SORRY

Because of the strike at United Press and the fact that we are not using UP copy, our baseball coverage is unavoidably limited.

Mitri Picked In U. S. Debut

Tiberio Mitri, 24-year-old middleweight champion of Europe from Trieste, makes his American debut in the ten-round main event in Madison Square Garden tonight against Dick Wagner of Toppenish, Wash., and will be favored.

Joe Miceli, popular East Side welterweight, clashes with Walter Haines, Brooklynite, in a ten-round supporting semi-final. Miceli, unorthodox left-hand uppercutter, has been one of the bright lights of the welterweight division this year and came within five points of handing Johnny Saxton his first pro defeat.

Miceli has had 36 pro fights, lost eight, with two draws, and has 14 kayo wins. Haynes has won 27 of 30 professional battles and loomed as a great prospect when he scored a stunning upset over Lew Jenkins earlier this year. He is a good right-hand puncher, and a fast-moving, left-jabbing boxer.

Mitri, undefeated in 51 professional fights, is hailed as not only the greatest of all Italian fighters ever to invade this country but also the outstanding fighter in Europe today.

Rap Group For Hearing Nazi Apologist

The American Jewish Labor Council yesterday denounced the American Jewish Committee for providing a platform for Nazi apologist, Benjamin J. Butenwieser, Assistant U. S. High Commissioner for Germany, who was denied the platform last Sunday by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Butenwieser, a former partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and a trustee of the American Jewish Committee, addressed a closed meeting of that organization's committee on Germany Tuesday.

"It is monstrous," stated the American Jewish Labor Council, "that the Jewish apologist for resurgent Nazism in Germany should find an audience in a group which claims to represent the interests of the American Jewish community. In doing this, the American Jewish Committee and Mr. Butenwieser dishonored the memory of six millions of their fellow Jews who were slaughtered in the gas chambers of the Nazis."

"Butenwieser was charged with the mission of selling McCloy's re-Nazification policies in Western Germany to the Jewish people. In this he has failed miserably. Both he and the American Jewish Committee will be regarded with contempt and disgust by the Jewish people who regard them as would-be-Quislings. The Jewish people want a world of peace in which Nazis and their apologists will have no place."

on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

Nix on the Cards

DON'T FIGURE THE CARDS in the pennant fight. Rash as it may seem to rule out a ballclub on the basis of a couple of early looks, the signs are there and unmistakable. They are:

1. When a Dodger pitcher can walk Stan Musial to fill the bases and then calmly reduce Enos Slaughter, the Cards are not the same. Time was when pitchers would just as soon, maybe even sooner, pitch to Musial with men on than to Slaughter. He was the baddest of the bad in the clutches.

2. Marty Marion is a shell of the old graceful Mr. Shortstop who once dominated the league. Back troubles and advancing years have left only the outer grace that conceals a drastic slowing up. Better shortstops than 1950's Marion in the National League are Reese, Hamner, Kerr, Dark and Smalley.

3. Centerfield is a hole. The fleet Diering is no hitter. When you have to go for a shopworn veteran of the knockaround circuit like Harry Walker, never a real pennant type even at the best, against righthanded pitching, your ballclub is no challenger to the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Overall, despite a still formidable corps of pitching, the Cards are one flaming star at his peak, another good winning ballplayer in Schpendienst, and a shell of aging veterans and doubtful, not yet matured youngsters.

The 1949 Newcombe

DON NEWCOMBE is right again. The big fellow looked like the Newk of 1949 for the first time in beating the Cards Wednesday night, fanning eight and finishing strong with two strikeouts. Just a year ago he came down from Montreal, just recovering from an early muscular stiffness in his pitching wing, had one unsuccessful relief outing, and then shut out the Cincinnati Reds in his first big league start. He won 17 with the worst kind of luck on about five other low-run games. This year, despite a similar retarding armache, he is two victories ahead of last year's mark.

With the league's top righthander resuming command of the pitching staff, the Dodgers should start to roll in earnest. They have the league's best pitching, best catching, best infield, best outfield, best overall punch and best reserve talents.

Tom Brown and George Stirnweiss

SPEAKING OF that Dodger bench, every time I see Tommy Brown hitting batting practice home runs and then sitting around the bench sidgeting, I think there ought to be a way for a young fellow like him to get onto another team and play some ball. He'd like nothing better than to be sent back to one of the Dodgers' top minor farms, play a full season and then go on the open market, as he'd have to, for a big league shot. As a perpetual bench-warmer, not only do his skills rust without actual competition, but his value in the profession of his choosing remains right around the \$5,000 minimums, with no prospect of improving.

Take another, somewhat different case. George Stirnweiss of the Yanks, George is 30. He has nowhere but baseball to go for a livelihood. He built up a career for himself, mastered his position painstakingly, was a regular second baseman on the Yanks, led the league in hitting one year, held the club together in the war years. . . . Now suddenly he is a substitute on the bench of the champs. This will be his second year at that status. He is vaguely thought of already as an "old timer," a veteran, yet he himself feels he is in his prime, the time he should be salting it away. One more season going by like this and he will be pretty much forgotten, his contract value drastically depreciated.

If free to negotiate for his services, he could immediately sign to play regular ball with two and maybe more American League clubs and bring his career and earnings back into focus.

Why not a rule like this: Any player on the same team for two seasons in the position of a substitute can upon application receive the right to be traded to another team which wants him as a regular and will pay him more.

This is not the basic problem, but if the player representatives are to be more than yes men it's the kind of thing they could start demanding.

More on Robinson Movie

A READER who saw the Jackie Robinson movie and is not a baseball fan wants me to list some of the inaccuracies of the film in addition to the major ones already noted—i.e., that it was Branch Rickey, all by himself, who dreamed up and carried through the idea of ending big league discrimination, etc.

Here are a few. Negro baseball teams are shown in this movie to be composed of fat, comic, caricatured ballplayers (with the exception of "the exceptional" Robinson). This is phony. There are dozens of good young ballplayers in the Negro leagues rating on ability an immediate chance in minor league ball.

The "don't fight back" theme hammered home by this movie ignores the fact that after his first season's observance of this Branch Rickey advice, Robinson took no verbal guff whatsoever from enemy players. Ask Merullo, Stallcup, Schoolboy Rowe, Breechen and Caragiola. But people who see this picture will get the idea by omission that Robinson never tossed away that "other cheek" stuff, and will omit the fact that his own teammates are almost without exception wholly and hotly ready to fight any dirty work. Ask a Dodger about the Enos Slaughter spiking incident and watch them talk about Slaughter.

On the other hand, no such incident ever took place as the picture portrays, with another player jumping on Robinson and pummeling him on the field. Nothing even remotely like it.